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London, July 24. Informed sources said Persia offered today to talk over a new oil deal with Britain if Britain accepts nationalisation of the giant industry. Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee summoned his top Ministers for an emergency meeting to discuss the offer — the first ever made by Persia directly to the British Government.

Composer Admits His Errors

Moscow, July 24. Pravda on Tuesday published a letter from the composer Konstantin Dankelevich, who wrote the music for the Ukrainian opera "Bogdan Khmelnytsky" which has been strongly criticised by Pravda.

Dankelevich thanked Pravda for the justice of its criticism, admitted his errors, and promised "to the utmost to devote all my strength and my soul to becoming worthy of what is most beautiful in the life of the Soviet artist—confidence and attention of our great Soviet people and our great Party of Lenin and Stalin."

The composer said that he, with the authors of the libretto, Alexander Korneichuk and Wanda Wasilewska, shares responsibility for the ideological blemishes of the opera. Korneichuk and Wasilewska have already written to Pravda admitting their errors and promising to eliminate the historical inaccuracies mentioned by Pravda, for instance, failure to show the struggle of the Ukrainian peasants against the Polish nobility.—United Press.

FLIGHT SUCCEEDS

Fairbanks, Alaska, July 24. Arctic III, the specially equipped Royal Air Force Lincoln, arrived here today after flying over the North Pole on a 3,500-mile nonstop trip from Iceland.

It was the climax of a flight with 10 RAF men which took the party from the storm-swept Icelandic coast, past rugged Greenland—with its 10,000-foot peaks thrusting up to the sky—and into the "unknown land" of the Polar region.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Bevan Challenges Attlee

THE left wing group of the British Labour Party have given notice that they intend, at least, to be vociferous at the forthcoming annual conference of the Party, although the general opinion is that they are not numerically strong enough to depose Mr. Attlee from his leadership. Nevertheless they represent a source of irritation to the Prime Minister and his politically moderate colleagues and not even the most ardent Labourite can deny that a serious split exists within the Party which could become extremely damaging to the cause of British Socialism. Significantly the schism centres principally around foreign policy. Mr. Aneurin Bevan and his associates, firmly convinced that the Labour Government's policies are more likely to lead to war than peace, have announced that if they should succeed in winning control of the Party, they will make radical changes in these policies. Their expressed intention is to slow down rearmament, discontinue support for the militarisation of Western Germany, seek an agreement with Soviet Russia and disassociate the country from United States policy and global strategy. Mr. Attlee is thus challenged on fundamentals and he cannot afford either to ignore or treat lightly the challenge. Mr. Bevan, who is politically astute as well as possessing persuasive oratorical powers, is endeavouring to induce the trade unions to accept and endorse his programme; tactics which, if successful, could easily change the balance of power within the Labour Party. The trade unions are the rank and file of the Party and it is their votes which not only elect the men and women to the key positions in the Trades Union Council, but which

can and usually do have a decisive say in what shall be the policies and programmes of the Labour Party. Mr. Bevan appears already to have achieved some measure of success in his campaign. The National Union of Railwaymen intend to advocate a resolution at the annual Party conference the tenor of which is very much in line with Bevan's ideas. Nevertheless, the left wing leader will almost certainly fail to win the sympathy of the TUC who, despite differences of opinion with the Government over domestic issues such as wage controls, have loyally supported Mr. Attlee in his general policies. Nor have they given any signs of late to indicate a change of heart. It is quite obvious, however, that Mr. Attlee is going to be heavily pressed to revise some of his policies, particularly so far as the Party's domestic programme is concerned. Committed in principle to further enforcement of nationalisation, he may, in October, find himself faced with a popular directive to extend this policy to defence works and agriculture. His biggest problem, however, will be to defeat Mr. Bevan on more fundamental issues. The annual Party conference will bring the feud between these two personalities to a head. Mr. Bevan is ambitious and undoubtedly has in mind not only control of the Party by his left wing group, but through it the Premiership should the Socialists be returned to power at the next election. Mr. Attlee's personal position, just as much as his Government's policies, are at stake, and the Prime Minister will have to call on all his powerful influence to retain the leadership of the Party, and to keep its ranks solidly behind him for the approaching election.

A Million To One Chance

Ostend, July 24. A Belgian holidaymaker was killed near here by a million to one chance when a piece of metal dropped from an aeroplane and struck him on the head. Almost simultaneously, the plane, a Belgian Air Force Spitfire piloted by Captain Prince Antoine de Ligne, crashed nearby. The pilot bailed out and landed, fracturing his leg. He was taking part in a mock battle between Belgian Commandos and Fusiliers last night. Prince Antoine was taken to hospital. He is the son of the Belgian Ambassador to Spain.—Reuter.

TRUCE DELEGATIONS MEET AGAIN

Arrive At Conference Site On Schedule

ADVANCE BASE, KOREA, JULY 25. THE NINTH CEASE-FIRE MEETING AT KAESONG BEGAN AT 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AS SCHEDULED. United Nations delegates arrived at Kaesong by helicopter at 10.40 a.m. and proceeded to the conference site, arriving there seven minutes later.

The North Korean and Chinese delegation arrived at the conference site at 10.52 a.m. Both delegations entered the conference room at 10.54.

Communist radios opened a blast of propaganda today a few hours before the resumption of Korean war cease-fire talks at Kaesong.

But optimism increased, nevertheless, that the Reds may come to the conference table with new proposals to break the deadlock over the question of withdrawing foreign troops from Korea.

Early today, the North Korean Pyongyang radio broadcast that the withdrawal of foreign troops is the most important condition for a peaceful settlement of the Korean problem.

The Chinese Red Peking radio followed up by alleging that eight United States jet planes deeply penetrated Manchuria last Saturday and seven of them were shot down by Chinese air units.

Despite such propaganda, optimism at this base increased as the United Nations team was prepared to leave for the fateful meeting at Kaesong. It was hoped that the Chinese may propose a face-saving formula which the Allies can accept.

THEY STAYED PUT

It was revealed tonight that Communist General Nam Il and his three fellow delegates who will face the crucial session with UN delegates on Wednesday morning apparently did not leave Kaesong during the four-day recess.

Gen. Nam Il had asked the UN force for safe conduct to the Red capital of Pyongyang at the time the sessions were suspended last week at his request. He was informed that he would have to advise the United Nations in advance of his time of departure and if his vehicle was marked with a white plaque visible from the sky it would be given safe conduct.

Nothing further came up, and since the highway from Kaesong to Pyongyang is the primary target area for United Nations bombers, it was concluded here that the Red delegation conferred with the North Korean capital of Pyongyang and the Chinese capital of Peking by radio from Kaesong.

One headquarters officer said there is a general feeling that the Communists will come back with counter-proposals on Wednesday designed to break the deadlock on the matter of withdrawal of troops.

The officer continued, "I have heard a speculation that they will agree to the maintenance of United Nations troops for the time being provided that both sides agree to begin withdrawals at a fixed rate, say, 10,000 men per month."

Another officer said another alternative which may be suggested was that foreign troops remain on their present front line positions with a provision that the matter be given the first place on the agenda for a peace conference, which is expected to follow cease-fire negotiations.—United Press.

BASIC CONDITIONS

Washington, July 24. The American Defence Secretary, Mr. George C. Marshall, told a Press conference today that the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea "at the proper time" would pose no problem if the Communists sincerely want a peace settlement. But the question was not suitable for consideration in armistice talks, he added. In a prepared statement Mr. Marshall said that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, made it clear last week that this was so. Mr. Marshall also laid down what he termed four "basic conditions" for an armistice:

PERSIAN PEACE PARTISANS PARADE



Peace partisans parade in Teheran on the day Mr. Averell Harriman arrived for talks with Persian Premier Dr. Mossadeq on the oil crisis. Shortly after this picture had been taken riots broke out.—AP Picture.

STOP PRESS

Meeting This Afternoon

Kaesong, July 25. Both delegations agreed to resume the cease-fire negotiations at 11.55 a.m. with the meeting scheduled to reconvene at 2 p.m. The conference began at 11 a.m. It was not immediately known what was discussed in the less than an hour conference.—United Press.

Reds Have 9 Million Men Under Arms Reveals Dean Acheson

Detroit, July 24. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in a speech here today, said that Communist armed forces now totalled 9,000,000 men.

The Soviet Air Force was the largest in the world, he said, with 20,000 first-line aircraft. Russia had over 4,000,000 men under arms. Chinese Communist forces exceeded 3,500,000 men and the European satellites had nearly 1,000,000 men.

Mr. Acheson said that the United States was in greater danger than many Americans now appreciated.

He said that the danger was not less than it was a month ago before Russia first made her proposal for a Korean cease-fire. Speaking at the opening of Detroit's 250th anniversary, Mr. Acheson declared, "Whether or not there is peace in Korea, whether our adversaries are cooling like doves or growing like bears, our job remains the same." Mr. Acheson said, "The danger we face remains the same."

"The tactics of the Kremlin are flexible, and may change from season to season. But so long as its power is of threatening proportions, and so long as it does not show a willingness to work for a stable and peaceful world, the danger to us remains the same."

RIDGWAY ALERT

He said that General Matthew B. Ridgway, the United Nations Commander in Korea, was "alert against a Communist trap."

Mr. Acheson said that the United States would counter force with force if necessary, but would only multiply the world's problems.

"Between the extremes of weakness and war lies a middle course which seeks to block Soviet expansionism without war, by building an effective system of collective security."

"The job before us—the great rearmament effort of the free nations—has an urgent priority if we are to reduce the risk of war and pass safely through the dangers of these next few years," Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Acheson said that the United States, as the "natural ally" of the peoples of the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, could increase its co-operative efforts towards higher living standards and economic development behind its military shield.

"As we carry forward these activities and as we maintain our military shield, the temptation for the other side to use force will be reduced," he said.

"They will be more willing to begin the peaceful adjustment of some of the issues. It will be to their and to our self interest to do so."

He said that if Russia was to become a friendly member of the world community, its rulers must show real evidence that they have renounced their hope of world domination. No one could predict how or when such a change might come about.

"We must be prepared for the possibility that it may take many years," he said.—Reuter.

THROWS SON INTO A RIVER

Calicut City Police today arrested Sholchi Maseom. He returned home intoxicated last night and discovered that his eight-year-old son, Kelchi, had eaten up his father's dinner. In a rage Maseom threw his son into the river. Kelchi climbed out of the river and hid in a store-room until neighbours discovered him this morning.—Reuter.

Rough Goings-On In New Orleans

New Orleans, July 24. A 32-year-old seaman jumped out of a speeding car today to get away from two demanding girls and a red-haired housewife jumped out of another car to escape the man who had kidnapped her.

The seaman, Toivo Kilaki of Laurila, Finland, saved his money, which was what the girls were demanding, but the woman was shot at four times, knocked on the head with a pistol and robbed of \$200.

She was Mrs. Ruby Young, 35, who operates a radio and record shop on South Rampart Street with her husband. While she was being X-rayed for a possible fracture of the skull, she told police she and an employee went out in her husband's car to buy radio parts. She said the employee then covered her with a .38 calibre pistol and told her to keep driving. When they reached that suburb of Metairie, she leaped out of the car and fled as the man fired four shots at her. He missed, but jumped out and chased her through backyards, whacking her on the head with the butt of his gun. Finally he snatched her handbag, which had \$200 in it, ran back to the car and escaped.

TWELVE STITCHES

Surgeons closed the wound in her scalp with 12 stitches and gave her a sedative. They said her condition was "undetermined."

Kilaki was drinking in the French quarter when he got lonesome and told the taxi driver to take him to some girls. The driver took him to an apartment where there were a beautiful redhead and a brunette. He thought they were drinking up his money too fast, so he left. But when he reached the pavement, he said, the girls came running up behind him and shoved him into the car with the waiting driver. The car pulled off and the girls started pulling at him to get his money. Feeling his resistance slipping, he opened the door and quickly leaped out.

Kilaki landed on his chin, which he cut deeply, and an elbow, which he broke. The car with the girls in it did not halt. He commented: "Girls aren't like this in Finland."—United Press.

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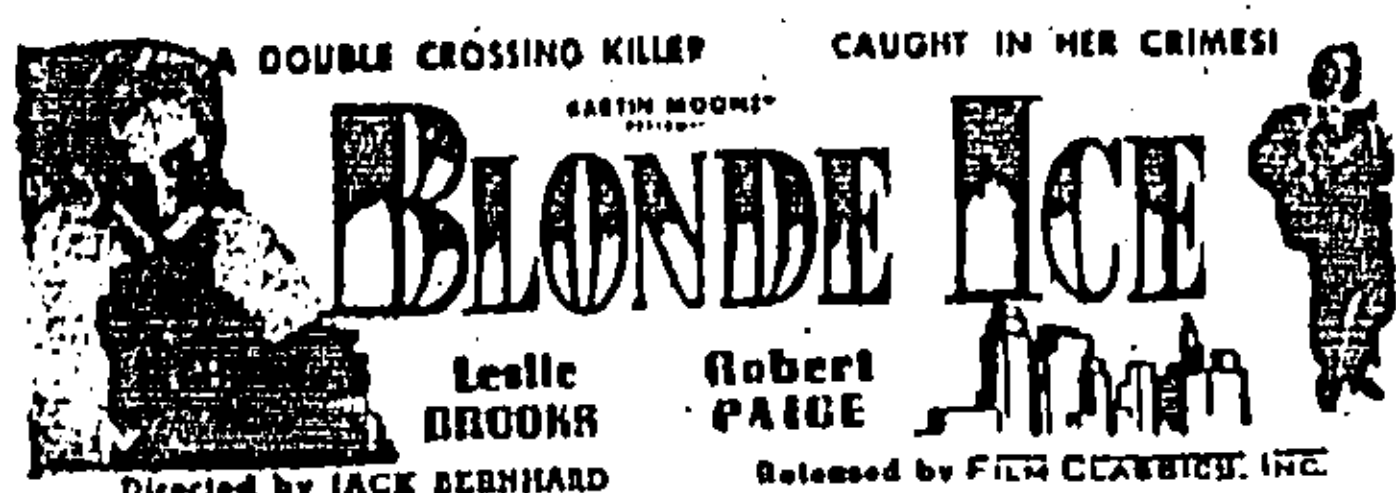
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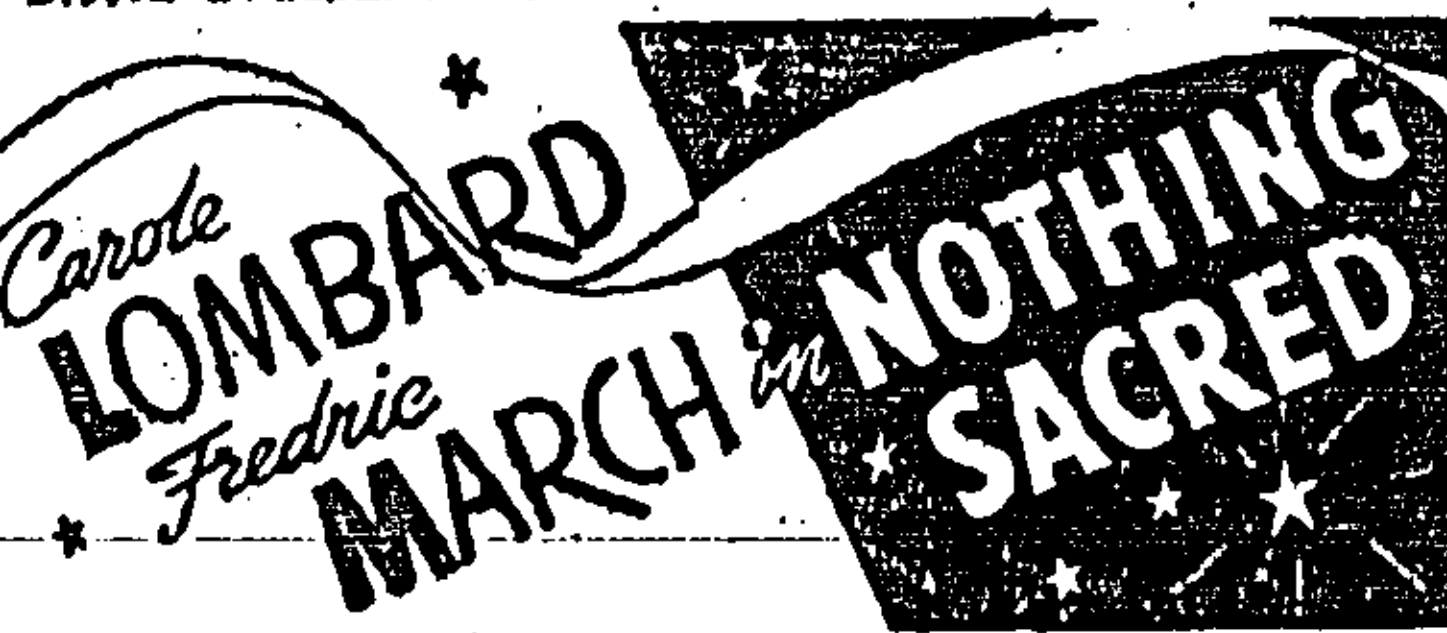
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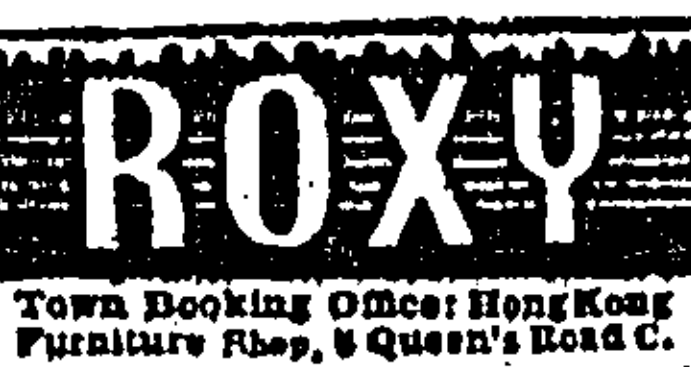
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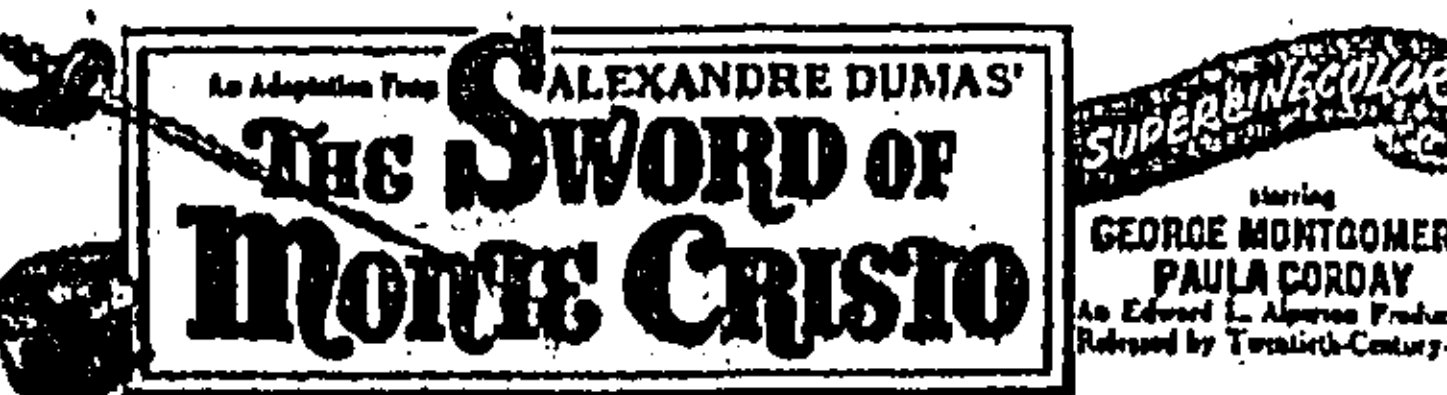
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Burma To Cut Petrol Supply To Airlines

Rangoon, July 24. Burma will cut the supply of aviation petrol to international airlines serving Rangoon by 52-2/3 per cent tomorrow, because of shortages caused by the Persian oil crisis, a Government communiqué announced today. Petrol for the use of internal airlines will be cut by 40 per cent.

The reduction, which will last for a fortnight, will leave enough petrol to retain all essential services, the communiqué said. Burma depends entirely on Persia for its supply of aviation fuel.

Royal Dutch Airlines planes with engravings for Australia may have to find a new route because of fueling difficulties in the Indian subcontinent, a K.L.M. spokesman said at the Hague.

The plane, with 63 emigrants, which was to leave Schiphol Airport for Australia yesterday, is still grounded pending negotiations with Pakistan on fueling facilities in Karachi.

It is still hoped that the plane will leave at 6 p.m. G.M.T. today. Meanwhile, the emigrants are staying in Amsterdam hotels. — Reuter.

EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE

To Be Discussed In Security Council

United Nations, July 24. Sir Gladwyn Jebb, of Britain, this month's President of the United Nations Security Council, today called a meeting for Thursday to consider an Israeli complaint about Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal.

The original request for a Council meeting was made by Israel 12 days ago. Since then private talks have been held among the leading delegates with a view to reaching a solution of the question.

A diplomatic source said today that in private interviews with leading Council members, the Egyptian delegate, Fawzi Bey, indicated that Egypt might be prepared to arrive at some compromise which would, in effect, lift the blockade.

The Egyptian view, as stated, was that Egypt would be prepared to let oil tankers go through the Canal if it could be assured that this would not add to Israel's "war potential."

The Egyptian delegate was understood to have given assurances that his country had no desire to injure "innocent parties" in their shipping trade, provided that Israel did not thereby benefit militarily in any way.

On Thursday and Friday the Council is expected to confine itself to hearing the complaint of Israel, to be represented by the Israeli chief delegate, Mr. Abba Eben, and Egypt's reply, which will be given by Fawzi Bey, the chief Egyptian delegate.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Informed sources said today that an agreement had been reached between the United States, France and Britain on a line of approach to the problem. No resolution was expected to be finally drafted until the Council members had had an opportunity to hear the two main parties in the case.

A British source said that the contents of any possible resolution would depend largely on the attitude taken by Egypt towards the complaint.

The original Israeli complaint said Egypt's action in blockading ships bound through the Canal to Israel endangered the armistice agreement between the two countries, threatened peace in the Middle East and harmed the economic life of the region, particularly its oil refining capacity.

The blockade mainly affected ships bearing crude oil to the important British-owned refinery at Haifa. Owing to the blockade, the refinery is running at barely a quarter of its capacity. — Reuter.

Airline Strike Ends

London, July 24. The British European Airways have reached agreement with their technicians who have been on a "go slow" strike. It was announced tonight. Normal working will be resumed tomorrow. — Reuter.

EMPIRE TO DISCUSS RAW MATERIALS SHORTAGES

Secret Talks On Production And Supply Problems

London, July 24.

A Commonwealth Ministers' conference to discuss the world problem of shortage of raw materials will be held in London late in September.

No final date for the conference has yet been fixed nor has an agenda been drawn up.

The meeting, to be held in secret, will consider the problems of production and supply of raw materials and of manufactured goods.

Britain's Colonial Empire will also be represented.

The proposed conference, which stems from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting in London last January, will probably last a week.

Invitations to various Commonwealth countries to attend were sent from Britain last month.

The discussions will be exploratory. The Ministers will have no plenipotentiary powers but will make recommendations to their Governments for final approval.

Among countries likely to be represented are Britain, Canada, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

TALKS SECRET

The talks will be secret. India will be represented by Mr. H. K. Mehta, Minister for Industry and Commerce, and Pakistan by Mr. Chaudhry Nazir Ahmed Khan, Minister for Industries.

South Africa's representative will be Mr. Eric Louw, Minister for Economic Affairs, who will also be attending the Washington meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The names of the representatives of other Commonwealth countries and Colonies are not yet known.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers had agreed in London in January that there was need for more regular consultation between the Commonwealth countries on all questions of supply and production.

POOL OPPOSED

As a result of the London conference a regular review of capital goods supplied by industrialised Commonwealth countries to materially rich but less developed members has been carried out by the Commonwealth Liaison Committee in London.

India, Pakistan and Ceylon were believed to have opposed a suggestion that a permanent organisation on a ministerial level be set up to consider pooling and allocating strategic and scarce materials.

These three are collectively the largest Commonwealth producers of raw materials, particularly rubber, jute, cotton, manganese, wool and hides and skins.

They expressed the view that in the interests of equitable trade and economic stability, the output of raw materials from their countries to the rest of the Commonwealth should be balanced by an inflow of capital goods from the more industrialised sister nations.

AN OPPORTUNITY

The forthcoming London conference will take place after the Washington meetings in early and mid September of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund.

Some related and materials questions have already been discussed at the International Materials Conference in Washington.

The London conference's agenda will cover short-term as well as long-term supplies of raw materials and manufactured goods.

It is not expected to cut across in any way the work of the International Materials Conference.

ence but is likely to provide additional opportunity for closer Commonwealth co-operation. — Reuter.

Appeal Rejected

London, July 24.

The Appeal Court today upheld Pakistan's immunity from being sued in British Courts on a claim alleging a breach of contract.

Mr. Harry Khan, a London businessman, heard the dismissal of his third attempt to bring Pakistan to court on a claim of £1,750,000 damages for alleged breach of agreement under which he was to supply 200 Sherman tanks to Pakistan for £2,000,000.

He was also claiming expenses incurred and loss of profits and for damages from seven individuals for alleged conspiracy.

The writ against the Government was first set aside by a Lower Court and Mr. Khan's appeal against this decision was dismissed. He then took the case to the Court of Appeal.

Giving judgment, Lord Justice Jenkins said that the case came within the proposition that a foreign sovereign could not be directly affected unless he submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court.

This was a plain case of bringing an action against an independent sovereign State and the writ should be set aside.

Lord Justice Jenkins referred to the clause in the contract under which the Pakistan Government had agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of English Courts in the event of litigation at their headquarters "under instructions from the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan."

According to Pakistan Government sources, they were hurried back "to look after the implementation of decisions taken at their conference with the United Nations Kashmir Commission."

One of the decisions taken on that day was reported as relating to the organisation of country-wide civil defence.

The chief minister of Pakistan Punjab is proceeding to Lahore, his headquarters by train this evening. — Reuter.

RUSSIA'S NEW NAVY CHIEF

Moscow, July 24.

Moscow newspapers today carried without comment last night's announcement that Admiral Nikolai Kuznetsov had been appointed Navy Minister in succession to Admiral I. G. Yumashev, released from his duties at his own request.

This apparently administrative change brings to the head of the Ministry a man with a long experience as Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet naval forces.

At one time commander of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Kuznetsov was appointed People's Commissar of the Fleet in 1939. He became Vice-Minister of the armed forces and naval Commander-in-Chief in 1946. — Reuter.

Egyptian Corvette "Nasr" And Her Skipper



The Egyptian corvette "Nasr," which stopped the British transport "Empire Roach" and started an Anglo-Egyptian diplomatic tangle, in which Britain claims that damage was done to the transport's radio and that personal possessions were looted. On right is the Egyptian skipper, Lt. Cdr. Abdel Monem Bayoumi, who has since been reprimanded by his Government. — AP Picture.

AMERICAN FLIERS FROM HK IN BORNEO AFFAIR

Singapore, July 24.

An American businessman who arrived from Labuan today said that two American fliers from Hongkong had been barred for more than a week from entering North Borneo, allegedly because they were competing with a British monopoly there.

The two were identified as Jack Reid and Norwood Forte, who with some Australian associates operate an air servicing and chartering enterprise known as Air Asia, Ltd., a British registered company.

Mediator's Conference With Nehru

New Delhi, July 24.

Dr. Frank Graham, United Nations representative in Kashmir, today called on the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

This talk was understood to concern the Indian view of the assurance given her previously by the United Nations Kashmir Commission.

In Karachi, three Royal Pakistan Air Force planes were today commissioned to carry out a mission to the provinces of Baluchistan and Sindh to their headquarters "under instructions from the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan."

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Dane Commodore Honoured

Pusan, July 24.

Commodore Kai Hammerich, in charge of the Danish hospital ship Jutlandia, was awarded the Chungmu Medal for military merit by President Syngman Rhee at a ceremony here today, celebrating the third anniversary of his inauguration as President of South Korea.

In his citation President Rhee said, "The Korean people will never forget the contribution of the Danish people, the hospital ship Jutlandia, which has treated so many wounded soldiers of both United Nations and Korean forces." — Reuter.

Home affairs



Festival Tragedy

Tokyo, July 24. A drunken truck driver ran into festival crowds and killed two and injured 10 last night in Adachi ward, Tokyo. — Reuter.

Turkey And NATO

Washington, July 24. United States officials said today that thus far the standing group of the Military Treaty Organisation had not received any British suggestion that Turkey should form the nucleus of a Middle East Command within the Atlantic Pact.

Britain was known to be anxious to set up a Middle East Command within or allied to the Atlantic Pact, but the standing group would first have to study the practicability of such a proposition before the Military Committee, and eventually the Atlantic Council, could take it up.

The Atlantic Council is expected to admit Turkey and Greece to full membership when it meets in September. The Council is expected to meet in Rome instead of Ottawa because of the visit of Princess Elizabeth to Canada. — United Press.

POP



Former Mufti Of Jerusalem Accuses Jordan Of 'Campaign Of Terror'

APPEAL FOR INTERVENTION

Cairo, July 24.

The Palestine Higher Arab Committee, headed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, today charged Jordan with carrying out a campaign of terror in Palestine.

In a telegram sent to Arab Governments and the heads of municipal councils, the Committee alleged that the Jordan Government was carrying out the campaign through its army and Police.

"Slayings and arrests going on in all parts of the country threaten the worst consequences, for which Jordan and the British authorities must be held responsible," the telegram said.

The telegram appealed to the Governments to "intervene speedily to stop this brutal aggression" and said that Jordan should confine itself to "an honest investigation into the painful assassination of King Abdullah."

Meanwhile, the Jordan authorities are considering lifting tomorrow the curfew imposed on the old city of Jerusalem five nights ago after the assassination of King Abdullah. It was reported that 5,000 legionnaires are stationed around the old walled city. They are drawn from the Hashemite Regiment and elements of another regiment normally stationed at Ramallah. A Christian township 13 kilometres (about seven and a half miles) north of Jerusalem. All Legion patrols have been withdrawn from the streets of the old city and are now posted around the wall, holding positions dominating all roads leading to the city.

The same source added that the Jordan authorities are now trying to pacify the inhabitants of the old city of Jerusalem after last Friday's serious clashes between the Legion and the town people.

It is now believed that at least 15 people were killed on that day following the news of King Abdullah's assassination. Although traffic was resumed, bazaars and shops in the old city are still closed.—Reuter.

EVENTS REVIEWED

London, July 24. The Israeli Minister in London, Mr. Eliahu E. Elath, called on the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, at the Foreign Office today. Their talk lasted 45 minutes. It is understood that the recent developments in the Middle East were reviewed.—Reuter.

BRITISH SYMPATHY

London, July 24. Both Houses of Parliament unanimously passed motions to-

day asking King George to express their abhorrence at the assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan last Friday. They asked the King to convey their sympathy with Abdullah's family and with the Jordan Government and people. The motions said they learned of the assassination with deep sorrow and indignation. Lord Jowitt, as Lord Chancellor, said in the House of Lords that King Abdullah always strove for the welfare of the Arabs. He was wise enough to see that to attain this object peace and unity in the Middle East were essential.—Reuter.

REGENT'S STATEMENT

Amman, July 24. Emir Nair, Regent of Trans-Jordan, said today that he would pray to God that his elder brother, Emir Talal, would recover his health and return to Jordan to take his place as King of the Hashemite Kingdom in succession to King Abdullah, who was assassinated.

Nair, who was proclaimed Regent of Jordan immediately after the death of Abdullah, denied reports that Talal had been forced to leave Jordan because of differences with Abdullah or himself. "I swear to you by God no body forced my brother to leave this country," he said in an exclusive interview. "There is no dispute between Talal and myself. May Allah heal him so that he will return and assume his place here."

Nair denied that after his father's death there had been demonstrations against Jordanian policy in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

Told of reports that there had been demonstrations against his father's regime in Jordan, he declared "These are absolute lies." "There have been no demonstrations or trouble whatsoever. There are no differences between Talal and myself. The people of Jordan have been taught to control their nerves in times of stress. My late father, whom they loved and respected, taught them discipline, and al-

though everybody expected serious clashes and bloodshed nothing of that kind happened."

SHAKEN BY MURDER

Emir Nair was dressed in the uniform of a General of the Arab Legion. He was still obviously shaken by the assassination and tired from the continual strain of meeting an endless procession of official mourners. He had stood for hours outside his office as tribal leaders from all parts of the country filed past to pay their respects. Each man bent low over the young Emir's hand and kissed it, then brought it to his forehead.

There were two Circassian guards outside the door, dressed in their Cossack uniforms and astrakhan fur hats. At the entrance to the Royal Palace stood Arab Legion guards.

"My father taught his people to obey, and follow him and his brother," Nair said. "They will follow us—whether it be Talal or myself or Hussein, Talal's eldest son. And again I say there is no dispute between us."

Asked to comment on reports that Talal had been forced to go to Switzerland and was being prevented from returning, he replied, "I swear to you by God that nobody forced my brother to leave this country."

"Even when the plane was ready to take him, my father again told Talal: 'My son, if you do not want to go away, then stay. Feel free to do what you want, but it is better for your sake to get the treatment you require.' We accompanied Talal to the airport and I asked father's permission to go on to Beirut with Talal. He granted me this permission and I went with Talal to Beirut where he boarded a plane for Switzerland."

Nair concluded the interview by saying: "There are many who have spread many unfounded reports during these tragic days. I invite you to travel the length and breadth of the land to see that the people are calm and no trouble prevails. Had this catastrophe not befallen us, my father would have given me permission to go and spend a few days in Switzerland with my brother. I was going to take his son Hussein with me, hoping his presence with Talal would help him recover more quickly."—United Press.

King Baudouin Of Belgium Taking The Oath



King Baudouin of Belgium, arm raised, takes the oath, standing before the Throne in the Houses of Parliament in Brussels on July 17. King Baudouin took over the royal powers from his father, Leopold, who abdicated.—AP Picture.

Britain Urged To Take Leadership Of Europe

London, July 24.

Mr Paul Henri Spaak, President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, told a United Europe forum here today that Europe must unite not only to resist Communism but also to put her relationship with the United States on an equal footing.

"The United States are already powerful. In a year or two, thanks to the admirable effort there, they might well be far greater still," he added.

"No one country in Europe will be in the same class. A united Europe alone can be for them a conceivable partner. The most powerful nations

of Europe could not solve the problems of their defence unless they put it within the limits of a treaty such as the North Atlantic Pact," Mr Spaak said.

Diplomatically, if they wanted to have their say in the dialogue between Washington and Moscow they should speak together in identical language for all their peoples.

Economically, they had to make a tremendous effort to rearm without lowering the standard of living. Mr Spaak made an appeal to Britain to become Europe's leader in peace as she had been in the grim days of 1940.

Mr Spaak said that at Strasbourg, Britain played the part of a man who slowed down enthusiasm. He thought that this was due to the natural desire not to imperil the relationship with the Commonwealth and the determination not to help create a third force between Russia and the United States.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL APPEAL

London, July 24.

Mr Winston Churchill urged Britain tonight to associate herself "in some form or another" with the Schuman Plan for pooling Europe's iron and steel resources.

Speaking at a dinner organised by the United Europe Movement, he regretted Britain's decision to stay out of the Schuman Plan talks.

"From the Continental standpoint the Schuman Plan is greatly weakened by the absence of Britain, the largest steel and coal producing nation in Europe," Mr Churchill declared.

"I trust, therefore, that a renewed attempt will be made to find some basis on which Britain can be associated in one form or another with the Schuman Plan," he said. Mr Churchill said that re-establishment of Franco-German relations had become something more than a return to normality.

"There is being developed between them a close and active partnership such as was never dreamed of before," he said. The Schuman Plan, he said, was the most remarkable manifestation of this new spirit.—Reuter.

Mission To Save The Peace

Detroit, July 24.

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, said in a speech here tonight that Britain, Canada, France and the United States believed that their mission to save the peace would succeed.

"Speaking at Detroit's 40th anniversary celebrations," Sir Oliver declared, "Our four countries have a great mission in the world today. We do not believe that world war is inevitable. We know that to save the peace we must be strong. Together we are meeting the threat of aggression and building up our defences to make the potential aggressor realize that the day of easy victories is gone."—Reuter.

Adenauer's Support Of Rearmament

Bonn, July 24.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced here today that his Government would support the Allied request for German rearmament but would leave the final decision to the popularly elected Lower House, or Bundestag.

In an interview with the Dutch Radio Hilversum, the German Chancellor said: "If the community of free nations, and especially those powers interested in the defence of Europe, are convinced that Germany should contribute to this defence, the Federal Government will not object to such a request and will submit this extremely important problem to the freely elected representatives of the German people for positive decision."

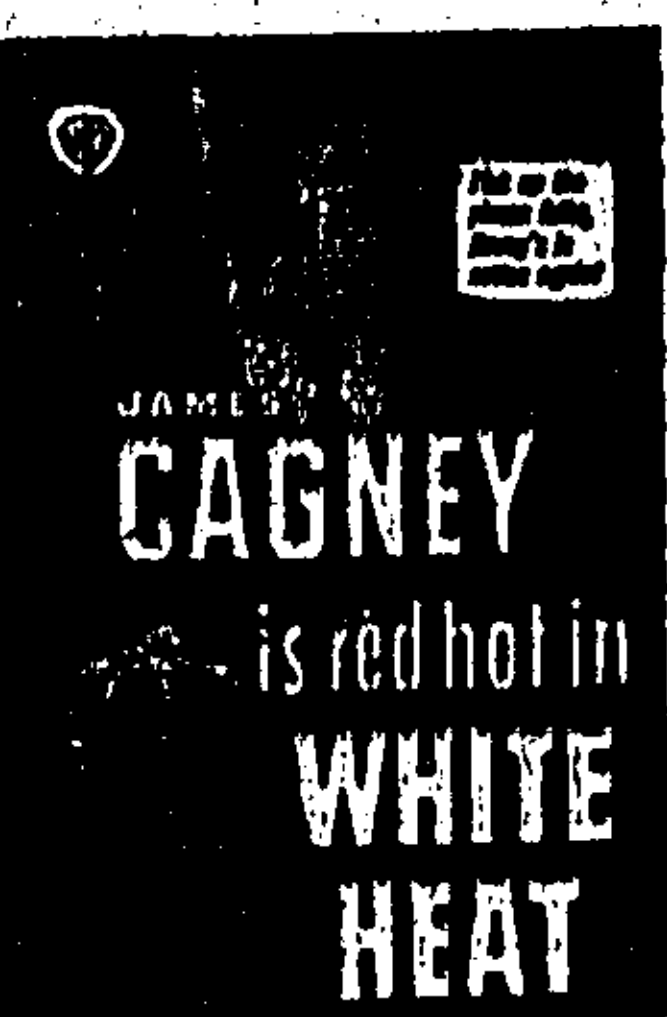
At the same time Dr Adenauer said Germany would only make military contributions in agreement and co-operation with her Western neighbours. He also recalled General Eisenhower's remark that the re-establishment of German sovereignty was a necessary pre-requisite for German defence contribution.

"Faced by a common threat, all free nations have the duty to be concerned with the safeguarding of their soil and democratic freedom," Dr Adenauer said. "Germany's defence contribution will, according to the overall political conception of Germany and Europe's future, always be proof of Germany's readiness to carry out European integration in all fields, including that of defence. The Federal Government realises that the problem of German security should only be solved in agreement and co-operation with Germany's neighbours."

The Chancellor also expressed hope that the parliament of the six Western European nations represented in the heavy industries pool will ratify the Schuman Plan treaty.—United Press.

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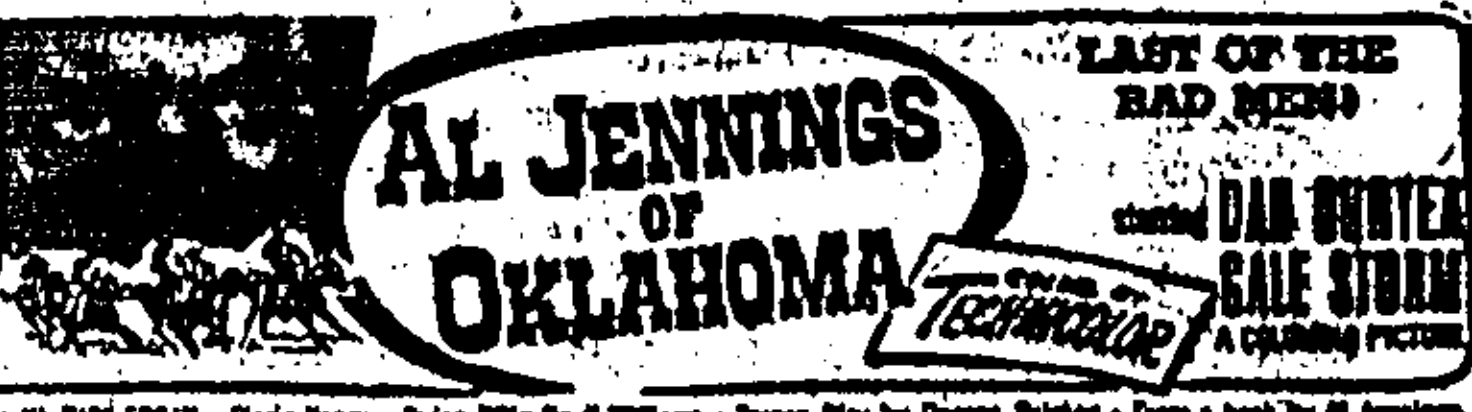
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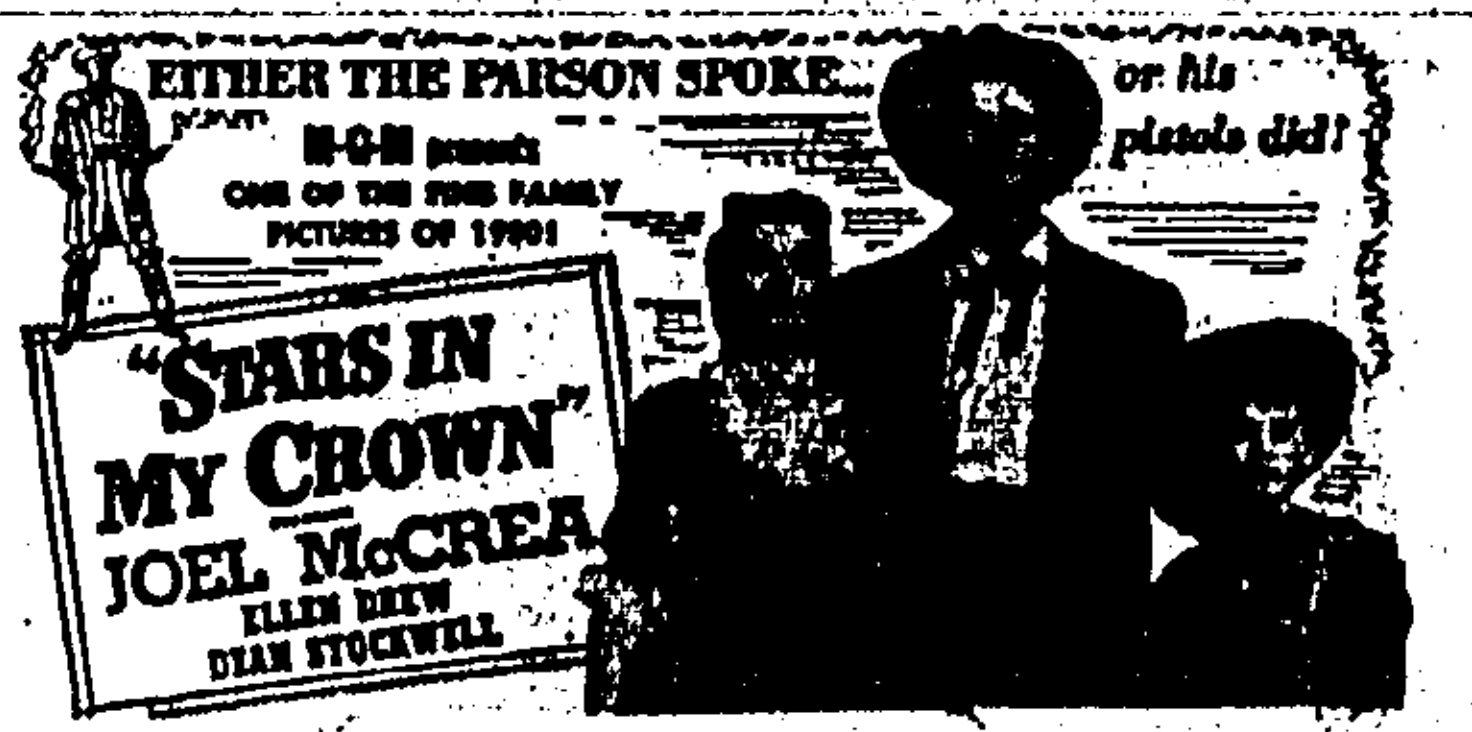
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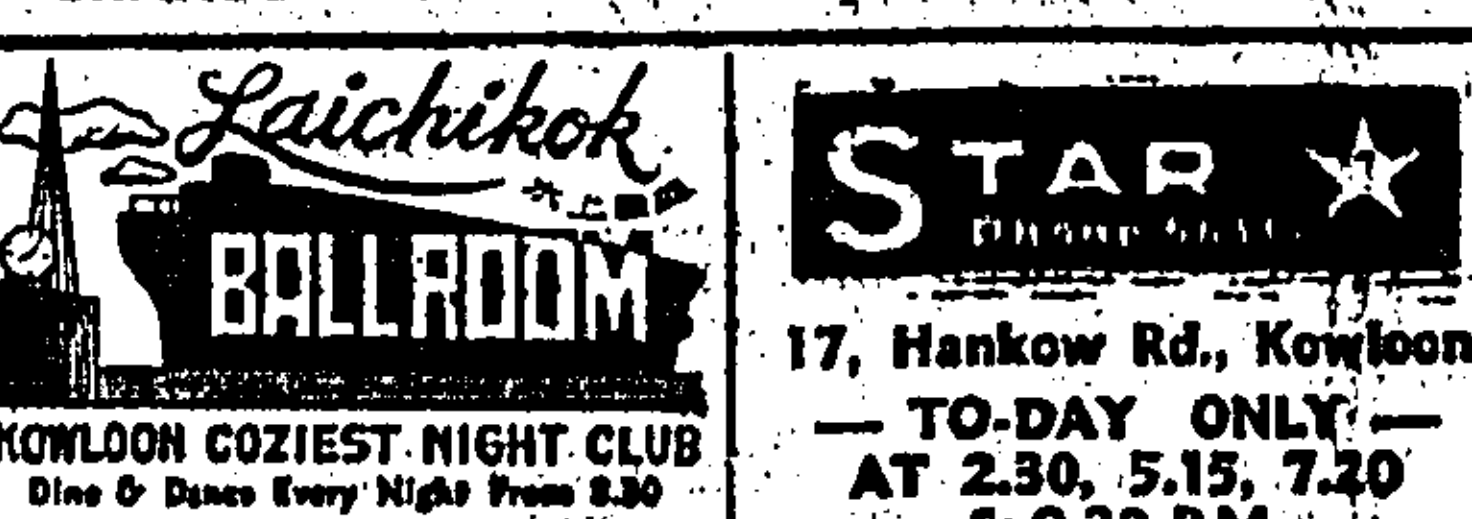
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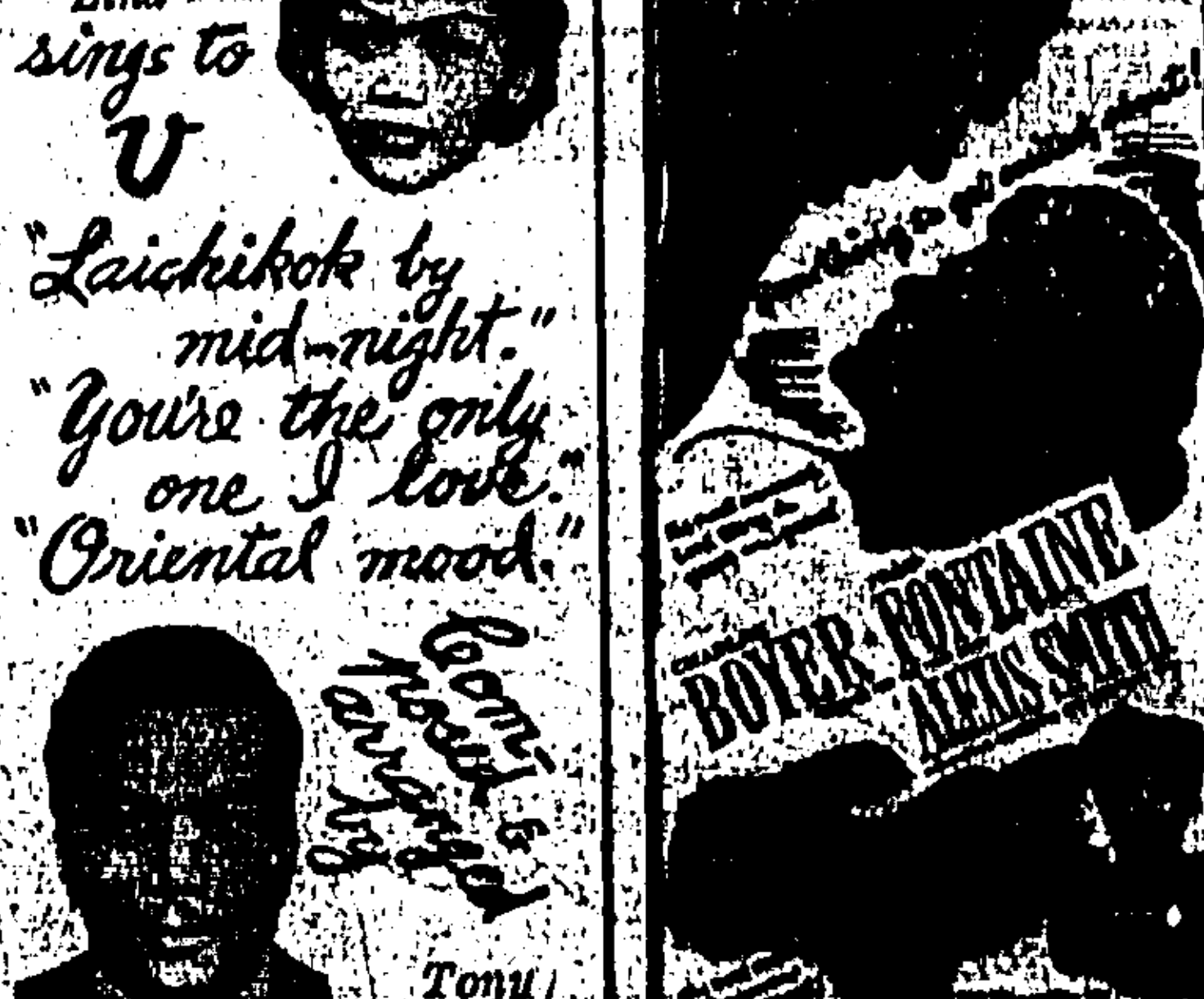
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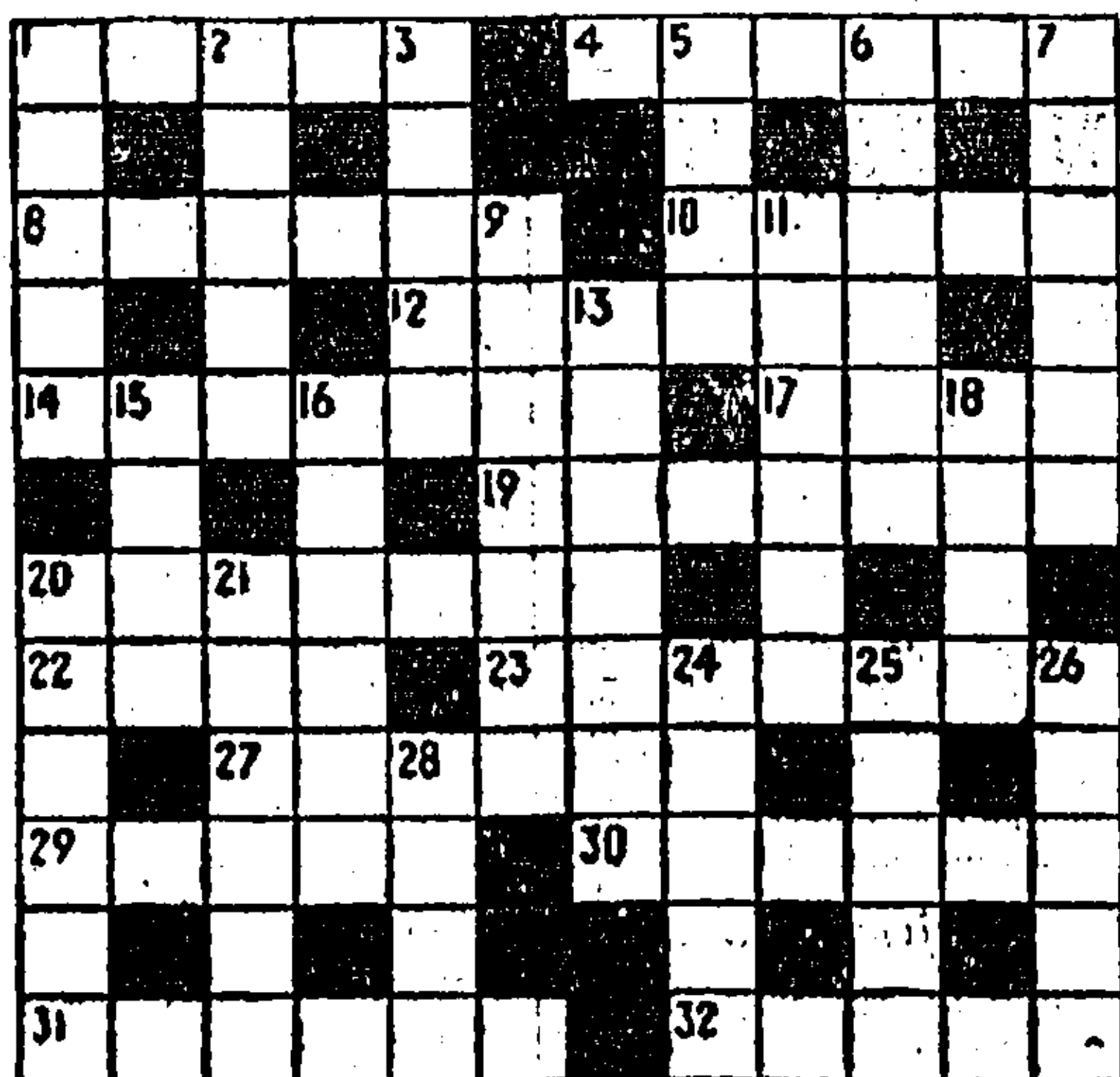
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- 1 Pines (6)
- 4 Hound (6)
- 8 Itapla pace (6)
- 10 Sprig (5)
- 12 Trial (6)
- 14 One guilty of treason (7)
- 17 Indefinite number (4)
- 19 In the middle (7)
- 20 Abrogate (7)
- 22 Impetuosity (4)
- 23 Values highly (7)
- 24 Burnt coal (6)
- 26 Vestige (6)
- 30 Plaything (6)
- 31 Stylus (6)
- 32 Retinue (6)

DOWN

- 2 Power (5)
- 3 Dance (5)
- 5 Scurry (5)
- 6 Recess (4)
- 7 Mariner (6)
- 9 Gaudy stuff (6)
- 11 Go (7)
- 13 Chessman (6)
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- 18 Satire (6)
- 19 Injury (4)
- 21 Reposed (6)
- 22 Leave empty (6)
- 24 Feature (6)
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- 26 Gloss (5)
- 28 Headland (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Applaud, 8 Med, 9 Moderate, 11 Collided, 12 Taper, 19 Book, 21 Lowering, 22 Meditate, Down: 1 Chic, 2 Fool, 4 Impetuosity, 6 Minor, 10 Debut, 12 Obscure, 14 Struck, 16 Rank, 17 Look, 18 Power, 19 Dance, 20 Scurry, 21 Recess, 22 Mariner, 23 Gaudy stuff, 24 Go, 25 Chessman, 26 Piece of furniture, 27 Stagger, 28 Satire, 29 Injury, 30 Reposed, 31 Leave empty, 32 Feature, 33 Additional, 34 Gloss, 35 Headland.

Outbreak Of Bubonic In The Yemen

Geneva, July 24.

The World Health Organisation has been informed by its Eastern Mediterranean regional office in Alexandria that an epidemic of bubonic plague has broken out in Yemen.

The regional office gathered together a group of experts in response to a request from Yemen to the United Nations for aid in an outbreak of cholera. Negotiations were carried on with the W.H.O. by the Saudi Arabian Government as Yemen is not a member of the United Nations.

On Tuesday, the W.H.O. said its Mediterranean office was notified that the outbreak is of bubonic plague.

Although this is the height of the Mecca pilgrimage season, W.H.O. officials said few pilgrims go overland via Yemen but by the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah.—United Press.

Explorations In Africa

Dar-es-Salaam, July 24.

Frederick Mitchell Hedges, British explorer and big game hunter, arrived today at Kilwa Kisiwani, 140 miles south of here, where he hopes to discover the remains of an ancient culture.

There are many ruins in the area, especially on Kilwa Island. The Sultanate of Kilwa was founded in the year 975 A.D. by Hagan Bin Ali, a Persian prince from Shiraz.

Mr Hedges hopes that excavations at Kilwa may aid in tracing the history of the medieval city, and even prehistoric South Africa.—Reuter.

Millions Deported By Reds

London, July 24.

Diplomatic sources reported today that more than 2,000,000 persons had been deported to concentration camps or rural settlement areas in Communist-dominated countries in Eastern Europe. The wave of deportations from Budapest and other Hungarian towns affected at least 50,000 persons, informants estimated.

The purge there was described as only a fragment of a general plan involving moving millions of persons in Eastern Europe. Estimates based on accounts received in Western European capitals said the number deported had soared well above a million, and was still mounting daily.

An expert analysis of reports showed that four categories of people were subject to deportation in the satellite States:

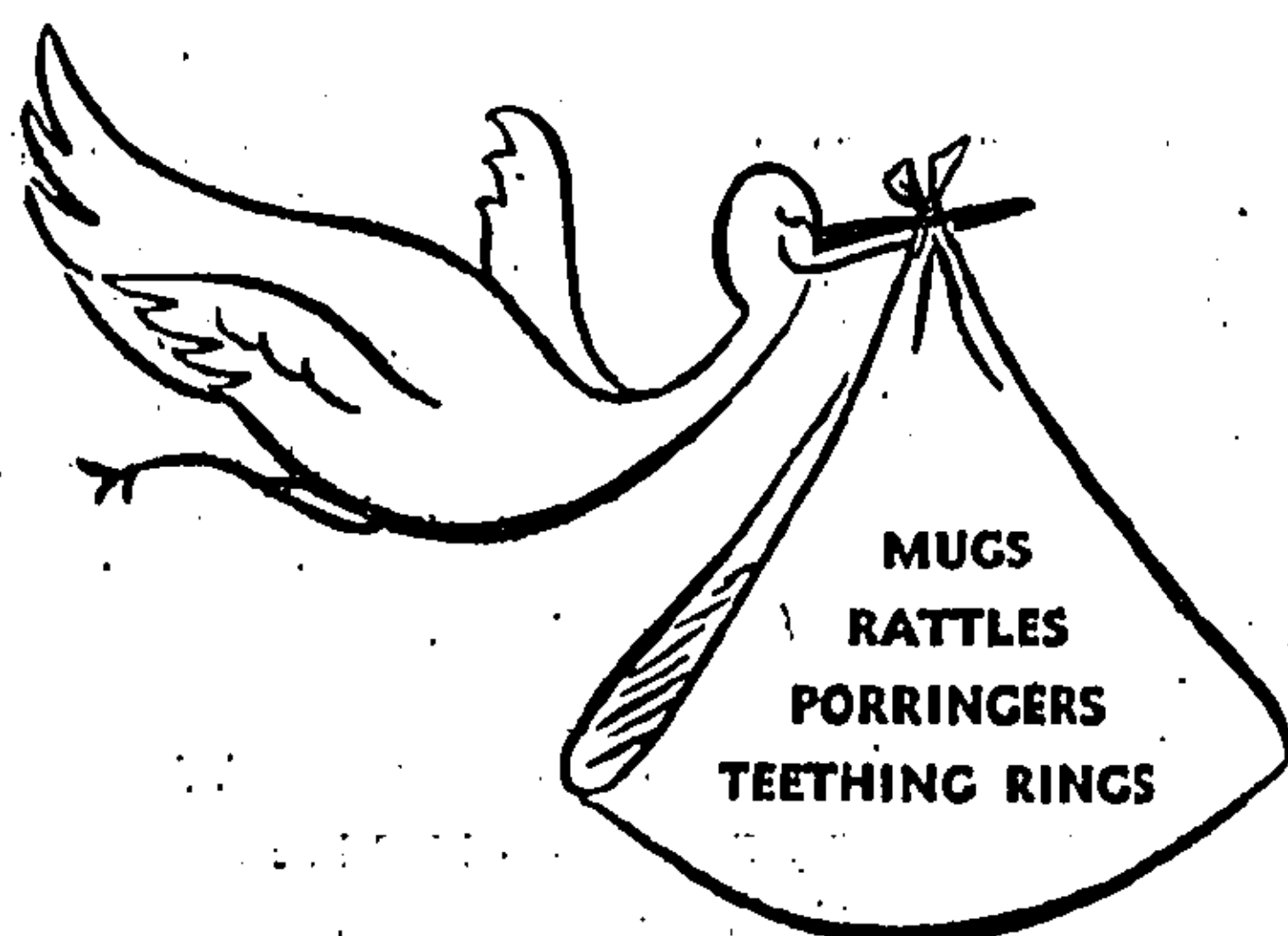
1. Families of purged and arrested Communists.
2. All persons connected with old regimes, such as Army officers, judges and other officials.
3. All members of parties which opposed the Communists after the war.
4. "Bourgeois and landlords."

A fifth and sizable category included peasants refusing to join collective farms.

The property of the deportees taken and their homes are given to shock workers or Party members. Thus the Communist regimes settle several issues at once: They liquidate real or potential enemies, create vast reserves of cheap labour and provide rewards for workers at no cost to themselves.

Reports said that in Bulgaria at least 700,000 persons had been affected by the purge. In Poland the number was 900,000. Rumania 450,000, Czechoslovakia 80,000 and Hungary perhaps 120,000, including the most recent victims. Analysis said if the number of Bulgarian deportees was representative, the targets seemed to be elimination of roughly 10 per cent of the population in each of those countries and the creation of an army of slave labourers for the Soviet model. Informants said from the Bulgarian capital of Sofia alone more than 300,000 persons had been deported in the past two years out of a post-war population of 5,000,000.—United Press.

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"I remember it well—that year when England won the Middleweight Championship of the World—someone started negotiations for arrangements for talks on the possibility of a conference to decide an agenda for a basis for an agreement on a cease-fire." London Express Service

Sitting on the Fence....

MATHANIEL GUBBINS

"Thirty years ago my employees touched their caps to me and said 'Good morning, sir or 'Good morning, Mr. B.' Now they nod their heads and say 'Good morning, cock.' Complaint by a 75-year-old Yorkshire builder."

THERE was a time, not long ago, when all my working chaps would say, "Good morning, Mr. B." and gravely touch their caps.

When I arrived in bowler 'at they'd stand to let me pass—They 'ad respect for bowler 'at, for chaps who paid the brass.

"Good morning, chaps," I'd say to them, "I see you're on your job." "For them that cares for extra work there's always extra bobs." "Tha'll not regret it if tha does an extra bit for me; 'If tha looks after us," I said, "then we'll look after thee."

To-day day, when I arrived, still in me bowler 'at, To see the chaps on building site, you could 'ave knocked me flat; They didn't touch their caps at all, though one did nod 'is head.

"Good morning, cock," they said to me, "Good morning, cock," they said.

I've done my best to understand the working chaps today; I know that brass for extra work means extra tax to pay.

When first they scoffed at bowler 'at it gave me quite a shock, But that were nowt compared to shame I felt when they forgot me name And said, "Good morning, cock."

Military Intelligence

A READER writes: "Last week your naval correspondent gave us the low down on the Persian Navy. Can your military correspondent tell us something about the Persian Army?"

The unreliable military correspondent writes:—As a fighting force the Persian Army will not bear comparison with any military formation of the last war, including the British Home Guard.

This is not because Persian soldiers lack courage, but because the Persian military High Command, like their naval High Command, consider female society essential to the comfort of troops.

The result is that the Persian Women's Army Corps, like the Persian Women's Air Corps, is a formidable force of officers and other ranks.

As might be expected, this commander between the sexes interferes with training, undermines discipline, and makes physical fitness a joke.

In the Persian Army, revolvers are never sounded, because it might wake the officers sleeping off a shambert leg.

First "Cook House" is never sounded, either, because all the troops, including the bugler, have breakfast served in bed by the so-called Women's Army Corps.

"Lights Out" is always sounded, though, in the circumstances, it takes on a new significance.

In the British Army "Show a leg" is shouted at sleepy soldiers in the morning by impatient N.C.O.s waiting for a parade to begin.

In the Persian Army "Show a leg" is shouted at sleepy girls in the evening by impatient officers waiting for the dance to begin.

To keep cool

WHENEVER Dr Gubbins, the Fleet Street quack, offers advice here on how to keep cool in hot weather, the temperate drops several degrees, and snow falls on high ground.

But, as his absurd patients never tire of reading the obvious, he will take the risk of spoiling their summer by dealing with a few questions any child could answer.

Q. What should I eat in the hot weather?

A. The best way is to sleep in a bath of cold water. If you have a weak heart you will probably be dead in the morning. But you wanted to keep cool, didn't you?

Q. How do I keep cool at night?

A. One way is to go about naked, but if you do this in the streets, the police will make a fuss; if you do it in the office, you will be fired, or retired, according to your position there; if you do it at home, the children will be fascinated, but demoralised for life.

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We can't afford things like that, dear. Have you ever tried mock trifle?

No dear.

I read about it in a magazine. Instead of buying expensive sponge fingers you use up your stale bread.

Stale bread, dear?

Yes, dear. You cut the stale bread into dainty slices and make a very thin custard with powder and watered milk.

Watered milk, dear?

Of course, dear. Only a thin custard would soak into stale bread.

I see, dear.

Then you buy a little bottle of sherry flavoured and sprinkle a few drops in the custard.

Yes, dear.

Then you cover each slice of bread with a thin scraping of jam, place in glass dish, pour the custard over and allow to cool. After that you make your mock Devonshire cream.

Mock Devonshire cream, dear?

So simple, dear. You mix some warmed margarine with white sugar, shape into thick yellow blobs and dot generously over the custard.

Sounds delicious, dear.

The magazine says "hubby will never know the difference."

Really, dear?

—(London Express Service.)

Food news

WHAT'S he having for a hot weather sweet, dear? Strawberries and cream?

MAIN STRANDS OF THE PERSIAN TANGLE

By G. WARD PRICE

AS Mr Averell Harriman came flying across the Atlantic and Mediterranean he spent most of his time reading.

What was the subject that so closely engaged his attention? Why, the complicated history of the Iranian oil industry, on whose latest upheaval he was sent by President Truman to report.

There are many twists and turns in its romantic record, in which the first name is that of Baron Julius de Reuter, the founder of the famous news-agency whose centenary has just been held in London. Memorable as that achievement was, the Baron made yet another mark on history—for he was the first man to fish for profit in the troubled waters of Persia, and may indeed be regarded as having laid the foundation of the present oil situation there.

In the year 1902, having become a prominent world figure as the result of his news-gathering enterprise, the Baron, who was a British subject, though of German-Jewish origin, got a concession to work the mineral deposits of Persia on terms that were almost a prospector's dream.

It gave him the exclusive right to exploit all the natural resources of Iran, with the exception of gold, silver and precious stones. What consideration the Baron gave to the Shah is not recorded.

This was too good to last. The Russian Government pro-

tested so strongly to the Persian monarch that the concession was cancelled in the following year. But those were days when the British Government grewled fiercely if any British subject suffered damage at the hands of a foreign State. The concession was at least partially restored, and, as extra compensation, the right to found the Imperial Bank of Iran was thrown in.

Baron Reuter's associates were unsuccessful in finding oil, but they did blaze the trail for others, among whom a Frenchman, M. de Morgan, in 1902, reported the existence of a subterranean oilfield on the border between Persia and Mesopotamia.

Sole Right

This in turn aroused the interest of an Australian financier, William Knox d'Arcy, who had already made a fortune out of gold-mining. For £20,000 in cash, and a similar amount in shares, paid to the Iranian Government, he got from the Shah a 60-year concession to extract oil anywhere in Persia, with the exception of her five most northern provinces. He also got the sole right of laying pipelines.

D'Arcy's firm found its first oil-gusher in 1908, and set itself to the difficult task of extracting and refining oil in a wild country where the Persian Government could not keep order, but which became the

greatest industrial centre in the Middle East as a result of the arrangements that the Company, backed by the British Government, made with the semi-nomadic tribes.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company, as it was then called, got into its stride just in time for the First Great War, in which it rendered irreplaceable service to the Allies. It was one of Winston Churchill's far-sighted measures, as First Lord of the Admiralty, to secure for the British Government a majority shareholding in the concern.

After 1918, relations between the Anglo-Persian Company and the Persian Government became strained, because the Government, realising for the first time the great value of the concession it had granted, demanded a larger share in the Company's profits.

Tension lasted till 1932, in which year the Iranian Government announced the cancellation of the Company's concession. Then, as now, the British Government protested, moved naval vessels, exchanged strongly-worded notes with Iran, and finally appealed to the Court of International Justice at The Hague.

Then, as now, the Iranian Government argued that the dispute did not concern the British Government, but was an internal matter between itself and the Company.

All done on a shoestring, Paris steers them away from Britain

by S. L. SOLON

PARIS. "No, Paris," said Jean. "How old are we?" someone asked.

ON the principle that everybody loves an old lady, especially when she is gay, Paris this year is celebrating her 2,000th birthday, and making a profit out of it.

She has floodlit her beautiful architecture, bedecked her boulevards and bridges with flowers, and opened her arms.

The tourists have come tripping in, complaining, it is true, about prices that are as high as the Eiffel Tower, but continuing to spend their money crazily.

The result is that this year France has had its biggest tourist season, and bank cash boxes are loaded with more dollars, pounds, kronen, pesos, marks, zlotys, and even rubles than Paris has seen since the war.

The festival is largely the work of tall, dark, handsome and imaginative screen writer Jean Marlin, who draws a £15-a-week salary as a municipal councillor.

Forty-one-year-old Jean, who has a voice like Charles Boyer and a catering instinct like Joseph Lyons, had the idea in April 1950, and sold it to the sceptical city fathers.

They were casting worried eyes in the direction of the Festival of Britain, and they had to do some fast thinking.

It just may be that Jean got a glimmer of the idea from Oslo's celebration of its 900th birthday in 1950—he wrote the scenario for the film "The Battle for Heavy Water," which is set in Norway.

On cheap WHEN he rose in the Paris City Council and said: "Let's have a birthday party," the reception was cool.

"Whose? Joan of Arc's?" a councillor asked.

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—(London Express Service.)

He said he could get the backing of historians, if that was necessary. There was little direct testimony as to what was happening on the banks of the Seine way back in the B.C. years.

"Well, we haven't any money," someone said. "I'll do it on what you give me," said Jean.

They gave him 30,000,000 francs, which is £30,000—about the cost of one of Elsa Maxwell's super birthday parties.

Marlin received another £30,000 from the chamber of commerce, and that was all.

They gave him a room in the city hall as large as a train compartment and, with a staff which never exceeded ten people, he planned his first step—a birthday party for 2,000 of Paris's oldest inhabitants.

shared by butchers, vintners, bakers, and accordionists, who supplied the wherewithal for the old folks' feast.

The "Bimillenaire" was launched on a flood of sentimental ballyhoo which spread round the world.

JEAN said his first problem was a psychological one. "People kept saying to us: 'What can you do with so little money?' It almost gave us an inferiority complex."

What he did was to place the problem squarely on the city's merchants and show experts. Every section of Paris was challenged to compete in putting on a display illustrating some aspect of French history.

The city which uses its store windows as miniature art galleries knew how to do it. From the last-known figure of the Goddess of the Seine to the spice and colour of Louis Quatorze and his ladies and Napoleon and his loves—it was all on display.

When the show windows became a little too undressed, the "Bimillenaire" flustered a modest municipal eyelash, but did not interfere.

The beauty contest of Left Bank models was certainly the most candid ever seen, making the Bikini-clad beauties of the Riviera competitions look like old-fashioned clothes-horses.

For the benefit of Paris's 2,000 years, the students multiplied their traditional wild festivities, and tourists were able to look shocked at crowds of scantily clad men and women "Romans," who took over the cafes and left the spectators to pay for the drinks.

With the co-operation of the army and every old-time bugle player in Paris, the Seine was turned into a river of light and noise, while all the beautiful architecture and bridges were floodlit.

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THE GAMBOLS [THIS SIZE EVERY DAY] by Barry Appleby



H.K. FOOTBALL REFEREES' MEETING

Move For Better Control Of Soccer Matches

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees Association held last night, the Chairman, Mr. L. G. Young, disclosed that certain suggestions would be put forward at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hongkong FA which, if carried, would mean that football in Hongkong would have better control than ever it had before.

The meeting was held at the Victoria Recreation Club and the Chairman was assisted by Mr. J. G. Padley, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Young said that the Football Association had probably the most successful year since it was founded and that success was in no small way due to members of the Referees Association in the way they had carried out their duties. The HKFA, in their report, made mention of the referees and he would like to add how pleased he was at the work done by the referees.

The Referees Association had suffered a grievous loss in the departure on retirement of Mr. A. E. P. Guost (Chairman). Mr. Padley then presented the report for the season 1950-51 which he said had been a very busy one with many teams visiting the Colony culminating with the Henderson players.

The Association's financial report showed a credit balance of \$109.50, and the Chairman remarked that it was "very unusual that we have a credit balance. We usually end up in the red."

REVISION OF RULES

Before proceeding with the election of officers for the coming season, the Chairman remarked that at their last regular meeting it was brought out that the rules of the Association required amending.

"When we really got down to

it," he added, "we found that the rules which had been adopted were very ambiguous, needing a whole lot of revision. Some of the rules just cannot be carried out."

Suggesting that a sub-committee be appointed to go into the matter, Mr. Young said that the Association was not eligible for affiliation to the Hongkong F.A. The rules were framed with the idea that they would be affiliated and would then refer the rules to the Referees Association at Home.

"We find that it is not possible for any referees association to be affiliated to a football association, it is very important that we have a proper set of rules with a proper constitution and we have not got that at the moment."

Mr. A. G. B. Carnell then submitted a copy of the rules concerning the football referees in Shanghai in 1939, which the Chairman said he would forward to the sub-committee.

It was decided to appoint Mr. Padley and Capt. Bisset to study the rules.

The Chairman thanked Mr. R.M. Omar, Secretary of the HKFA, for his continued good services to the Referees Association, and congratulated Mr. D.P. Lai on being appointed

Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Football Referees Association.

Mr. Carnell mentioned changes in the laws of Association Football, specially with regard to obstruction and the throw-in, which had been referred to in newspapers. These, he said, should be discussed well before the next season started.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mr. L.G. Young; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A.G.B. Carnell; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. J.G. Padley; Committee members, Messrs. A. H. Pittard, D.P. Lai and Capt. A.R. Bisset.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Capt. Bisset to the outgoing officers for their splendid work during the past season.

It was decided to hold the first meeting of the new Committee on Wednesday, August 20, at the FA office, Prince's Building, at a time to be announced later.

British Women Athletes Enter The Modern Age

London, July 24.

British women athletes will no longer be "old-fashioned."

A new regulation has been passed which will at least allow them to look the equals of their rivals on the track. They may now wear shorts and vests in keeping with the modern age.

Hitherto, rather oddly in a nation which is as emancipated as any other when it comes to fashion, the British Amateur Athletic Association had rules which were years out of date.

They were made when bathing beauties wore dresses below the knee and were in harmony with such old-fashioned wear.

Gradually the girls themselves modified their attire but they did so with the possibility of being refused the right to appear on the track and they still complained that runners from other nations laughed at them when they saw what they were wearing.

Today, that is all over. A new rule states: "Clothing must be clean and so designed and worn as not to make an indecent display of the person and must include dark shorts."

And the British girls themselves are sure that they will now not only look nicer but be able to put over a better performance, being no longer hampered by too much clothing.

—Reuter.

2,000 Guineas North British Golf Tourney

Harrogate, Yorkshire, July 24.

T. Verity, of Malvern, had a first-round of 79 over the Pannal Course when the North British 2,000 Guineas professional golf tournament started here today.

The 90-holes tournament is being played over the neighbouring Pannal and Oakdale Courses.

The leaders on each course at the end of the first round were: Pannal—69: Arthur Lees (Surrey); Oakdale—69: R. Hargreaves (Surrey); 69: Richard Burton (Cumbria); N. Sutton (Leigh); Dai Rees (South Wales).

Half the field played on each course today. Tomorrow they change courses and after the first 36 holes a maximum of 100 will play a third round on Thursday. Then there will be a further reduction so that a maximum of 60 play the final two rounds on Friday.

—Reuter.

Russian Soccer Fans Asked To Be Objective

Moscow, July 24.

The leading Russian sports newspaper, Soviet Sport, has appealed to soccer fans here to be kind to the referees.

Some fans, the newspaper said, in excesses of feeling, sometimes forgot themselves so far as to hurl "epithets" at the referees.

The newspaper asked the fans to "control their feelings" and to "be objective."

—Associated Press.

Johnny Leach To Play Here Next Month

Hongkong Team For World Table Tennis Championships

The English holder of the world Table Tennis singles Championship, Johnny Leach, will be seen in action in Hongkong next month.

Leach and his French partner, Michael Huguier, are expected to arrive here on August 13. They are on a world tour.

Arrangements for their visit are in the hands of the Hongkong Table-Tennis Association which held a meeting at the New Cafe de Luxe last night to discuss the matter.

It was decided to stage a series of games between the visitors and the Colony's stars. The games will be played at the Southern Playground Covered Court on August 14, 15 and 16.

The matches which will be played under Davis Cup style—four singles and a doubles—will commence at 8 p.m. each night.

The meeting also decided to issue an invitation to H. E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, to see the exhibition.

A sub-committee, with Mr. Ip Kan-chiu as chairman, was elected to finalise arrangements for the forthcoming exhibitions.

Another sub-committee, with Mr. Chung Wing-kuang (President of the Hongkong Table-Tennis Association) as chairman, was also appointed to handle the sale of tickets.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hongkong players to take part have not been selected but the following will probably represent the Colony: Sit Shui-cho, Fu Ki-fong, Keung Wing-ning and Chung Chin-sing.

The meeting also decided to send a team to participate in the world championships to be played in Bombay from February 1 to February 10 next year. The Hongkong contingent will comprise both men and women players.

The invitation to take part in the Bombay championships was sent to the Hongkong Table-Tennis Association by the Table Tennis Federation of India which conducts the World Championships.

Ford Konno To Swim Against John Marshall

Detroit, July 24.

An 18-year-old schoolboy from Hawaii will make a bid for recognition as the world's greatest swimmer.

He is Ford Konno, a little fellow who eats enormous quantities of rice and swims better than some fish.

Konno is here to compete in the National AAU outdoor swimming and diving meet which opens tomorrow.

Already he is acclaimed by some of the foremost coaches as a top notch swimmer.

Konno will challenge John Marshall, defending champion in three free-style races from 400 to 1,500 metres.

Bob Kipphut, who is Marshall's coach at Yale, said, "Konno is five seconds faster than Marshall and seven seconds better than Hiroshihiro Furukashi, the Japanese."

—Associated Press.

Britain's Contribution To Prague Film Festival Makes Critic See Red

They are holding a Film Festival in Prague and the Iron Curtain has been raised to permit one British film to be shown.

What an opportunity to present to the uniformed Czechs the British way of life! What a chance to show the Communist Press that life in the Western World is not as decadent, corrupt and dishonest as they usually make it out to be!

Which film has been entered? So help me, it is "The Browning Version," the story of a broken-down and frustrated schoolmaster whose embittered wife is having an affair with one of his colleagues.

Just think of the political propaganda that can be made out of this by an astute Communist journalist.

"These are typical British teachers," he can write. "No wonder the children of the capitalists are raised with false values and ideals."

The showing of "The Browning Version" in Prague should be cancelled immediately. The British Organisation, who entered it for the Festival, ought to have known better.

Last November the copyright of the works of Oscar Wilde expired. In other words, his plays and books became available to all without payment.

I have been waiting ever since to hear that his witliest and best-known play was to be turned into a movie.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is to be filmed by Associated British next October. The production will be in Technicolor, and will be produced and directed by Maria Zampi and his unit, who made "Laughter in Paradise."

How mediocre can cabaret in London get? In recent weeks I have seen acts that would hardly rate a round of applause in a third-rate revue. I am surprised late nighters show such patience.

Continental ladies have been imported whose talents do not equal their looks. American girls have travelled thousands of miles to sing tired old tunes. I spare their blushes and do not mention their names. But I will name some British artists who would be good in cabaret. Tessa O'Shea and Betty Driver, for instance. Happily, every now and then there are exceptions among our visitors, and I recommend a visit to the Embassy Club to see Rosalind Courtright, an American singer who really can sing.

Since the blistering critical assault made on him for his interpretation of "Hamlet," Alec Guinness has been cautiously deciding on his next role.

He has turned down offers for Hollywood films. "It might be misinterpreted if I went to America," he told me. He has read several plays. But finally he has decided to appear in a film. He will play the title role in a screen adaptation of Arnold Bennett's "The Card" which Ronald Neame and John Bryan are now preparing at Pinewood studios.

Mr. Guinness has chosen wisely. "The Card" is particularly suitable for his talents and his physique. "Hamlet," apparently, wasn't.

Pity the poor film star. Constantine Smith, who was summarily taken out of the cast of "House on the Square" and replaced by Ann Blyth, is back in favour with his employers.

Darryl Zanuck has taken a look at her first week's work in her new Hollywood film and extended her contract by another year. Yet Miss Smith is unhappy in her work. Add to it husband Bryan Forbes, for 3,000 miles separate them.

Mr. Forbes has decided to end this misery. He has given up a leading part in the forthcoming "Dial 999" picture, "The Sound Barrier," sold up his home and his belongings and departs for Hollywood this week.

When he gets there he will look for a job. How about it, Mr. Zanuck?

—JACK DAVIES?



The "map" with Jean Peters

It's Better Than Kissing The Mike Says PAUL DOUGLAS

The rapid rise of Paul Douglas to romantic stardom has amazed no one so much as it has Paul Douglas.

The neither too slim, nor too handsome actor, whose latest film, "Love That Brute," is now at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, has only one possible explanation for the sizzling effect he is having on American females.

"I must just be the relief guy from the handsome hero type," he insists. "One look at me and the girls figure I must have something to make up for this map."

"The reason men like me too is they can look up at the screen and say, 'if that character can get a girl looking 'dancie like that, it certainly could happen to me.'"

Whatever the explanation, the fact remains that Paul Douglas, who started out to be a character actor, in "A Letter to Three Wives" has since become one of Hollywood's outstanding attractions to the American female.

In "Everybody Does It" he played love scenes with his screen wife, Celeste Holm, and the other woman, Linda Darnell. In "The Blue Lizard" he romanced with German actress Bruni Lobel, and in "Love That Brute" he triumphs over Cesar Romero in the race for the affections of Jean Peters.

Though Douglas is surprised at his lately discovered Casanova ability, he is quite obviously not too annoyed about it.

"I came to Hollywood to be a character actor," he says, "and they stick me in love scenes. But I'm ready and willing to do them. It's certainly better than the old days on the radio when all I kissed were 'cold mikes.'"

In "Love That Brute" Douglas plays the role of a genial moll who whose murderous reputation is widespread, but who actually wouldn't hurt a flea. Jean Peters plays the girl who loves that

—JACK DAVIES?

Stanley Camp Boys To See Film Preview

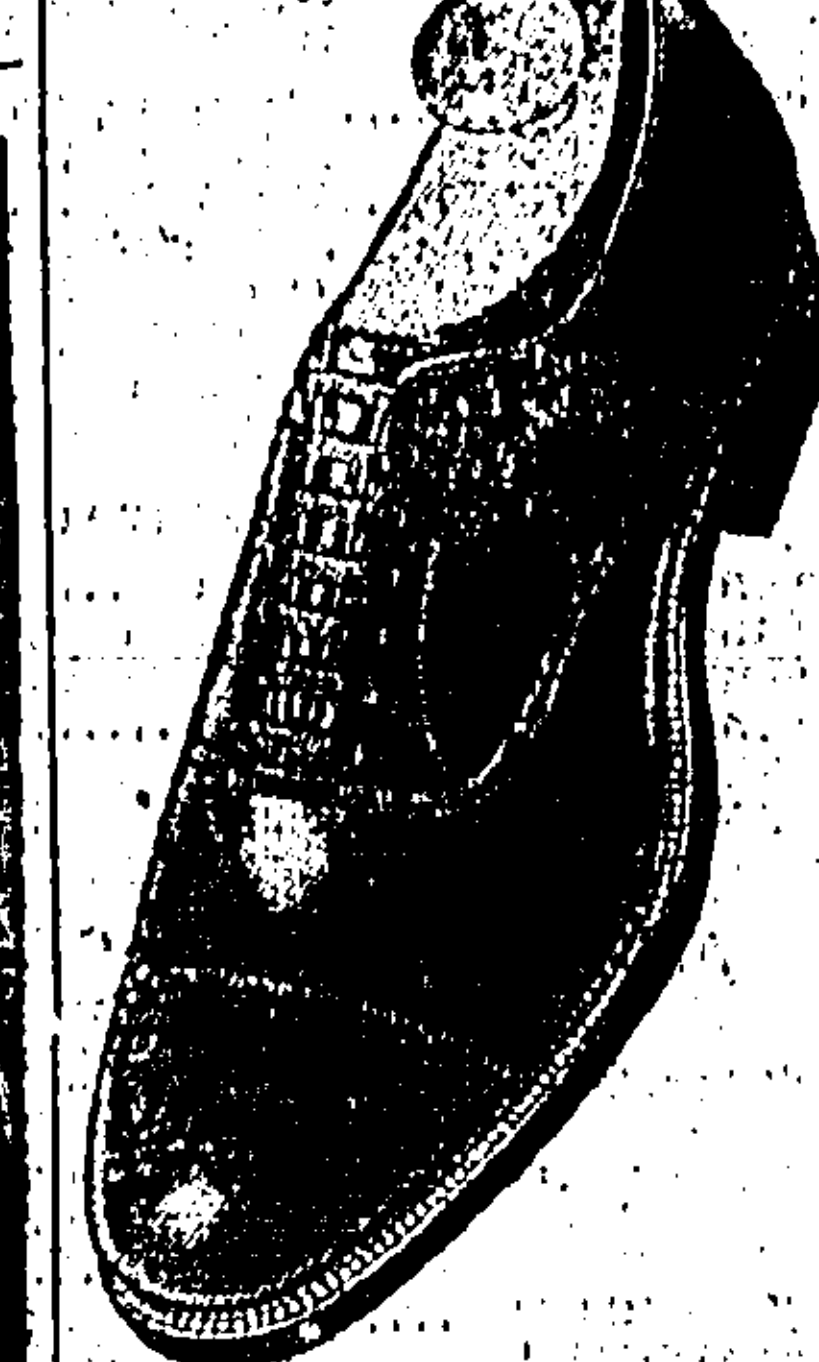
Boys of the Stanley Camp are to see a special preview of the Eagle-Lion film "Destination Moon" at the Roxy Theatre tomorrow morning.

They will then write essays on "My Trip to the Moon" in competition for prizes being donated by the Philippine Air Lines, Inc. In addition, the winning contestants will be taken on a trip to Kefauver Airport to see a Fair DC-6 plane.

The film, produced in the Hollywood Studios of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation, will be generally released in Hongkong some time in the autumn.

—JACK DAVIES?

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Mistral Slows Down Tour de France

Gap, July 24.

Breyens, of Belgium, won the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycle race today from Marseilles to Gap, a distance of 208 kilometres.

Breyens' time was 7 hrs. 15 mins. 41 secs. He was followed by Gino Bartali (Italy) in 7 hrs. 17 mins. 14 secs. and by Fiorenzo Magni (Italy), Louis Robic (Paris), Stan Ockers (Belgium), Raphael Geminiani (France) and Ugo Koblet (Switzerland).

The general classification after the 19th stage was: 1-Koblet (Switzerland) 110 hrs. 53 mins. 51 secs. 2-Geminiani (France) 110 hrs. 55 mins. 13 secs. 3-Lucien Lazarides (France) 111 hrs. 1 min. 40 secs. 4-Bartali (Italy) 111 hrs. 10 mins. 48 secs. 5-Burkolt (France) 111 hrs. 11 mins. 20 secs. 6-Ockers (Belgium) 111 hrs. 14 mins. 25 secs. 7-Bobet (France) 111 hrs. 14 mins. 25 secs.

The mistral, the strong cold dry north wind which is the plague of Marseilles and the Rhone Valley, slowed up the riders today on the first Alpine stage of the Tour.

Even on the 28 kilometres of motor highway from Marseilles to Aix-en-Provence no speed was developed and at Manosque, the flying check point, the riders passed in a bunch half an hour behind schedule.

At the feeding point of Sisteron, 79 kilometres from the finish, they were still bunched together and 44 minutes behind.

Gino Bartali, of Italy, was first over the Sagnes Pass, 50 kilometres from the finishing post, followed by Raphael Geminiani of France, Ugo Koblet, of Switzerland, Robic (Paris), Stan Ockers (Belgium) and Lucien Lazarides (France) in that order.

TOUR OF W. GERMANY

Mannheim, July 24. W. Peeters, of Belgium, won the fourth stage today of the 3,186-kilometre cycle race round West Germany. He covered the 204-kilometres from Bonn to Mannheim in 8 hrs. 44 mins.

Rudi Thelissen, of Germany, was second in 8 hrs. 44 mins. 1 sec. and Guido de Sanli, of Italy, was third in 8 hrs. 44 mins. 2 secs.

The first three in the general classification are:

Major League Baseball

New York, July 24.

Left fielder Gene Woodling and first baseman Johnny Mize hammered home runs into the right field stands today as the world champion New York Yankees maintained their mastery over the Cleveland Indians in the American League today with a 3-2 victory.

Chicago plays at Boston and Detroit at Washington in night games.

In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers, powered by homers by first baseman Gil Hodges and catcher Roy Campanella, defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-3 in a 10-inning game.

There are three National League night games scheduled: New York at Pittsburgh, Boston at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at Saint Louis.

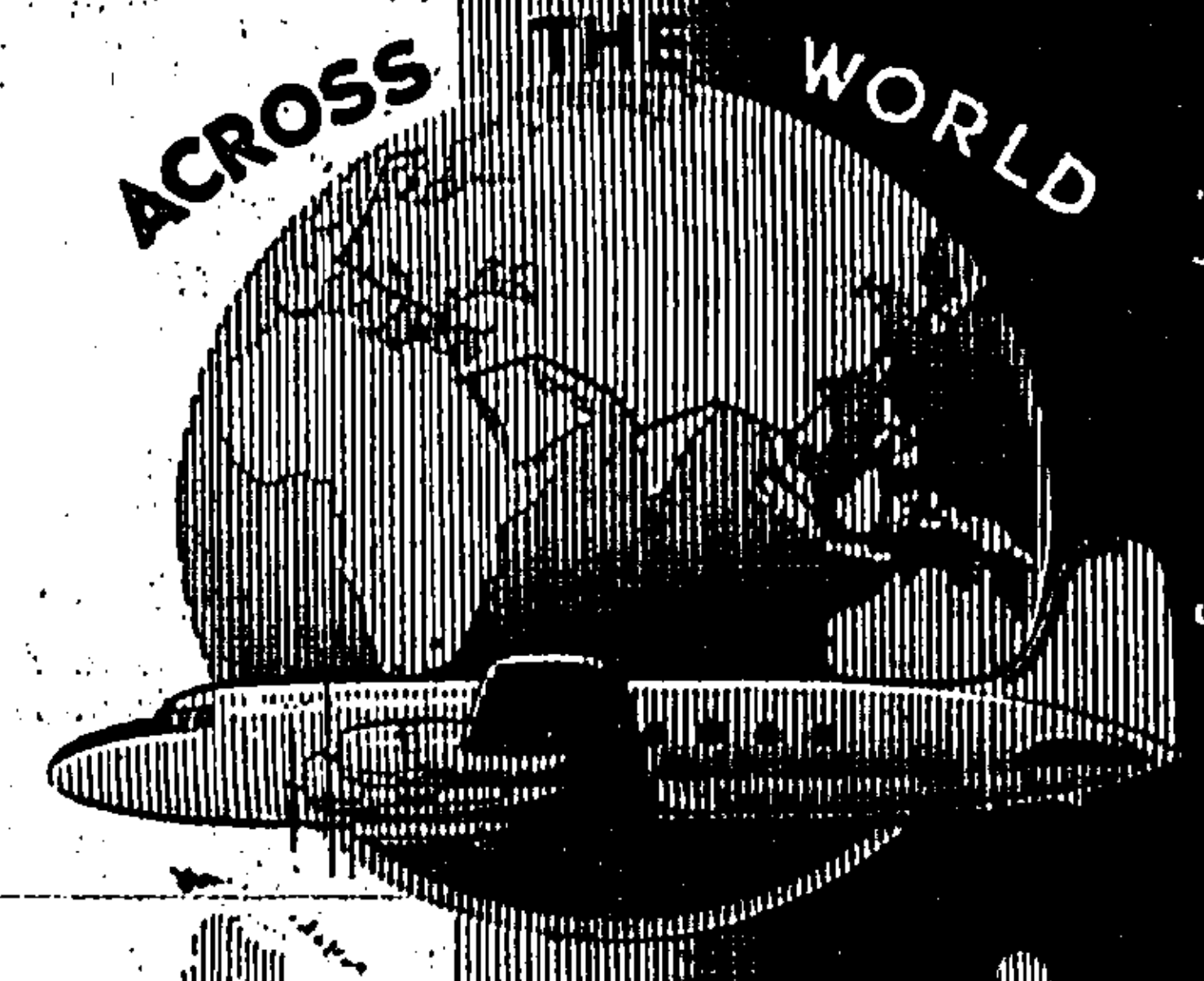
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By Order of the Board,
G. M. MACWHINNIE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1951.

NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Members of William Powell Limited will be held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, on Friday, the 31st day of August, 1951, at Noon (or as soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting to be held at 11.45 a.m. on that date shall have been concluded) for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as a Special resolution the following resolution that is to say:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that David Lamb Prophet and John Yardley Vernon Hunt be appointed jointly and severally to act as liquidators for the purpose of such winding-up."

By Order of the Board,
G. M. MACWHINNIE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1951.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

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Director

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Vienna, July 24.
Several delegations of the population of Moecling, a Vienna suburb in the Russian Zone, during the last few days have protested against the requisitioning of their flats or houses by the Soviet occupation power, the Austrian Chancellor, Dr Leopold Figl, told the Austrian Cabinet meeting today.

The Austrian Under-Secretary of State for the Interior, M. Ferdinand Graf, stated today that a house in Moecling was taken away from its inhabitants to make room for the Secretary-General of the Communist World Federation of Trade Unions, M. Louis Sallant, who, since the WFTU moved from Paris to Vienna a few months ago, had been living in a hotel in another Russian district of the city.

M. Graf also said that at present altogether 19 officials of the WFTU "uninvitedly" are staying in Vienna and that probably most of the newly-requisitioned accommodation is for their use. Among them, he stated, were French, Belgians, English, Americans and Italians.

Thus, the Under-Secretary stated, the Soviet authorities confiscated accommodation which is not for the use of the occupation authorities, an action which he claimed was a violation of the Allied Control Agreement—Reuter.

Rangoon Denial

Rangoon, July 24.
Burma today denied persistent rumours that General Ne Win, Supreme Commander of the Burmese armed forces, had resigned.
A Government statement said that the General was on leave on health grounds. Colonel Kray Win, Adjutant-General of the armed forces, is deputising for him, the statement added—Reuter.

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"MEKONG" N. Africa & Europe 30th Aug.
"MEKONG" N. Africa & Europe 25th Sept.

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Newsprint Price Up Again

London, July 24. The price of home-produced newsprint in Britain is to rise again on Monday for the third time this year.

It will be increased from £20 a ton to £26. 18s. 6d., due mainly to higher prices of imported wood pulp, the Ministry of Materials said.

The pre-war price of newsprint was £12 a ton. This year alone, the price will have risen by over £27 with next week's increase.

Also going up in price are mechanical printing paper, which will be increased by between £11. 12s. 6d. and £25. 10s. per ton, according to grade, and kraft lined board by £26 a ton—Reuter.

Japan Gets Increased Textile Orders From The British Colonies

GROWING STERLING MARKETS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, July 24. Increasing orders from East and West Africa are expected to make it possible for Japan to export between 1,250 million and 1,300 million square yards of cotton cloth this year.

This figure would be half as much again as the Lancashire exports for the whole of last year.

The Financial Times' Tokyo correspondent quotes the Japanese Ministry of Trade and Industry as saying "It is held probable that East African dealers are ready to move their business in the direction of Japan with fresh import permits for Japan's cotton goods to be established much earlier than had previously been planned."

This was attributed to the "cotton cloth export restrictions set up by both the Indian and UK Governments, plus the higher Indian export duties on cotton."

The correspondent says that growing Sterling markets for Japanese textiles are Cyprus, Northern Rhodesia, Trinidad, Tobago, the Windward Islands, Malta and the Barbados, besides the East and West African Colonies.

Discussing the effects of this competition on British cotton exports, the Financial Times today says it would be neither economically nor politically possible to stop Japan's progress.

If the West tried to exclude Japanese goods she would have no choice but to develop to the utmost her trade with China and other Communist countries.

SOME SAFEGUARDS

What is the alternative? asks the Financial Times.

What does the West really want? For what they are worth, it continues, Lancashire does have some safeguards against the extremes of Japanese competition. There is the preamble to the draft peace treaty by which she agrees to conform in public and private trade and commerce to internationally accepted fair practices.

"It remains to be seen, however," it goes on, "how these practices are to be defined and what redress the other signatories to the treaty will have if she fails to conform."

But all this is not to suggest that Lancashire must resign herself to being ousted by Japan, the paper says.

Lancashire has it in her own hands to increase still further her efficiency and competitive power.

OSK RESUMES

Bombay, July 24. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, one of the biggest shipping lines of Japan, resumed steamer service on the Japan-India line after a ten-year lapse.

The company's first vessel to call at Bombay, the S.S. Nankai Maru, berthed at the Victoria Dock today to unload consumer goods and machinery.

Osaka Shosen Kaisha is the second Japanese line to enter the India-Japan trade. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha started operations on the Tokyo-Bombay route with the S.S. Shunko Maru which arrived in Bombay last month—United Press.

"Only about one half as much abaca strategically the most important of hard fibres—is being produced today as before the war," said a world survey of the fibre situation.

It said, "This is due entirely to the situation in the Philippines—the chaotic conditions existing there at the end of the war overriding the importance of food production and the delayed national programme for rehabilitation of the abaca industry."

The Department said the Philippines national abaca and other fibres corporation is now administering a \$10,000,000 rehabilitation programme, but two or three years are required before new abaca plantations will produce fibre. It will, therefore, be several years before Philippine production approaches world demand—United Press.

Appeal For Asia Aid Plan

Washington, July 24. Mr George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, appealed to Congress today to approve \$80,000,000 economic aid in the Near East and South Asia to prevent Communist encroachment.

Mr McGhee testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in support of the mutual security programme's provisions of economic aid to India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Nepal and Afghanistan. He said these five countries "form a bridge between the free countries of the Near East and Southeast Asia. Should this bridge collapse, the security of both the Near East and Southeast Asia would be jeopardized."

Mr McGhee emphasised the important relationship between economic well-being, which the aid programme would foster, and political stability.

He said: "South Asia is the only important area of the vast Asian land mass which is not under Communist control or under active threat of Communist domination."

"The United States' aims in South Asia are to help and encourage these countries to deal with programmes of economic adjustment and development under conditions which will permit the survival and growth of democratic political institutions and promote, in cooperation with these countries, strengthening of the free world."

A BULWARK

"The steady growth of non-Communist political institutions is an essential bulwark against expanding Asian Communism. Basically, these countries look to the free world for support in their struggle for political stability. Internally, they have demonstrated their awareness of the danger of Communism by strong measures against Communist activity and by public denunciation of Communism."

Mr McGhee noted that these countries have been preoccupied with "tremendous internal problems that... might well stagger more experienced governments."

"They have sometimes regarded the threat of Asian Communism as less immediate than we. This difference in emphasis need not obscure the fact that they are determined to remain free and that they are pledged to resist external attack."

"A programme of economic assistance to the countries of South Asia will serve to accelerate internal economic improvement and, by strengthening the countries of South Asia, will reinforce the security of all other nations of the free world"—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, July 24. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb. 40-47

September 43-45

October 40-40 1/2

November 38-39

December 38-39

January/February 35-36 1/2

April/June 35-36 1/2

—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, July 24. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 142-143 1/2

August 142-143 1/2

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November 142-143 1/2

December 142-143 1/2

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—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$318,261.50. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC Bank 1475 1500 30 @ 1405

East Asia 105

INSURANCES

Union 740 750 50 @ 750

Underwriters 340

HSBC Fire 135

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf 80 82 2 @ 81

N. P. Wharf 10 12 2 @ 11

Wing Lok 23 24

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HSBC Land 38 39 1000 @ 1.10

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C. Light (O) 7 1/2 1000 @ 7

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C. Light (B) 6.00 6.00

Electric 2.00 2.00 1500 @ 2.015

Telephone 11 1/2 12 200 @ 11 1/2

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Cement 10 1/2 11.20 200 @ 10.90

STORES, ETC.

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2500 @ 14 1/2

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NY Cotton Advance

New York, July 24. Cotton futures closed 30 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower.

October 34.80
December 34.75-76
Middle Spot 38.85 nominal
March 34.73
May 34.64
July 34.51
October 32.60 nominal
December 32.60 nominal

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Closing rate July 24

Spot 37.25
October 34.75-34.70
December 34.75
March 34.74
May 34.65 bid
July 34.51 bid
October 32.60 bid
December 32.60 bid

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, July 24. The cotton textile market showed no signs of improvement today with buyer interest at a low ebb.

The wool goods market was dull.

Rayon goods were slow—Associated Press.

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, July 24. Closing bank quotations: Bank of America 27 1/2 bid, 28 1/2 asked. Chase National 25 1/2 bid, 26 1/2 asked. National City 45 bid, 46 asked.

Exchange Rates

Business was done on the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollars (per £1) 62.50. Hong Kong (per 100) 27.50. Singapore (per 100) 27.50. FIC (per 100) 11.50.

Sino-German Trade

Berlin, July 24.

Trade experts from Communist China today met East German Cabinet Ministers here, according to the East German news agency, ADN.

The agency's message stated that the representatives discussed the problem of East German-Chinese exchange of goods and other technical and scientific questions—Reuter.

OIL SHARES IN DEMAND IN LONDON

London, July 24.

Iran's move to reopen oil talks with Britain stimulated buying in the Stock Exchange today.

Gains were well sprinkled through the oil list. British industrial shares were firm, particularly textiles. Copper stocks were in good demand. British Government bonds were mixed.

The Financial Times' daily index was 1327.

Japanese bonds: "A" (4% of 1950) 54 1/2. "B" (4% of 1950) 52 1/2. "C" (4% of 1950) 50 1/2. "D" (4% of 1950) 48 1/2. "E" (4% of 1950) 46 1/2. "F" (4% of 1950) 44 1/2. "G" (4% of 1950) 42 1/2. "H" (4% of 1950) 40 1/2. "I" (4% of 1950) 38 1/2. "J" (4% of 1950) 36 1/2. "K" (4% of 1950) 34 1/2. "L" (4% of 1950) 32 1/2. "M" (4% of 1950) 30 1/2. "N" (4% of 1950) 28 1/2. "O" (4% of 1950) 26 1/2. "P" (4% of 1950) 24 1/2. "Q" (4% of 1950) 22 1/2. "R" (4% of 1950) 20 1/2. "S" (4% of 1950) 18 1/2. "T" (4% of 1950) 16 1/2. "U" (4% of 1950) 14 1/2. "V" (4% of 1950) 12 1/2. "W" (4% of 1950) 10 1/2. "X" (4% of 1950) 8 1/2. "Y" (4% of 1950) 6 1/2. "Z" (4% of 1950) 4 1/2.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, July 24. Advances were posted in about every category on the stock market today with oil stocks leading the way upward. Gains of a dollar or two a share were plentiful; some were wider. Activity was a little better with the volume of trade hitting 1,600,000 shares.

American Petroleum was up as much as \$6 at one time. National Lead advanced almost \$6 as directors voted to split the common stock, 3-for-1. The plan will be submitted to stockholders.

Some traders attributed at least a part of the activity and advance to President Truman's scheduled increase in defence spending. Some believed the interest in oil stemmed from favourable second-quarter earnings.

Benguet Mining topped the list of the day's 15 most active stocks on a turnover of 40,800 shares, closing at 1 1/2, unchanged.

Dow Jones Averages: Industrials 258.04. Rails 78.89. Utilities 44.00.

—Associated Press.

World Fibre Shortage

Washington, July 24. The Department of Agriculture estimated today that a 25 per cent increase in the total world production of hard fibres will be needed to relieve the present short supply.

Sisal, henequen and abaca, together represent 94 per cent of hard fibre production.

The Department pointed out, however, that the world deficit is primarily due to short production of abaca in the Philippines.

"Only about one half as much abaca strategically the most important of hard fibres—is being produced today as before the war," said a world survey of the fibre situation.

It said, "This is due entirely to the situation in the Philippines—the chaotic conditions existing there at the end of the war overriding the importance of food production and the delayed national programme for rehabilitation of the abaca industry."

The Department said the Philippines national abaca and other fibres corporation is now administering a \$10,000,000 rehabilitation programme, but two or three years are required before new abaca plantations will produce fibre. It will, therefore, be several years before Philippine production approaches world demand—United Press.

P. & O. ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

Date	Ship	From
In Port	"THWANG"	Macassar & Java Ports
31st July	"VAN HEUTZ"	Japan
3rd Aug.	"BOISSEVAIN"	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore, Saigon, & Manila
5th Aug.	"THIRADANE"	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore & Manila
8th Aug.	"TAMMAN"	Japan
10th Aug.	"TITALENGRA"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
12th Aug.	"BOISSEVAIN"	Japan

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3rd Aug.	"THWANG"	S. America
5th Aug.	"VAN HEUTZ"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
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9th Aug.	"THIRADANE"	Yokohama & Japan Ports
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15th Aug.	"BOISSEVAIN"	Del
17th Aug.	"TAMMAN"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
19th Aug.	"BOISSEVAIN"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America

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Alleged Robbers On Trial

Three Shanghai Chinese stood in the dock at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged before Mr Justice Scholes and a jury of two women and five men, with robbing a fellow native and his wife at Tsun Wan on May 12.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. H. Summers, prosecuted.

The complainant, Wong Kwok-hung, testified that it was at 5.30 p.m. when two strangers entered his hut at Old Street where he was resting with his wife and child. One of these intruders was armed. Switching off the lights, the taller of the two men told him and his wife not to move and made both of them sit on the bed with the mosquito net lowered. The strangers spoke Mandarin with a Shanghai accent.

Wong said that by the light of the torches the men carried he saw faintly what was going on and he also heard them ransacking his trunk which was by his bed. After half an hour in his hut, the men decided to shout for help, he saw there were three men running away.

VALUABLES MISSING

He reported the robbery to the Police and then went home to check his belongings, said the witness. He found that two wrist-watches, his wife's gold chain, a gold ring and a bangle were missing from his bedside trunk. On May 30 at Shamshui Police Station he identified the two watches.

Det. Tsang Sin told of the arrest of the first and second accused in Old Street on May 28 and of the arrest of the third accused at the Tak Fung Enamel Factory, Tsun Wan, the following day.

PC Au Yung-kwan said that on May 29 as a result of what the second accused told him, he went with him to a pawnshop at Shanghai Street and recovered a wrist-watch. The following day he went to Tsun Wan and later recovered another wrist-watch from another pawnshop.

Pawnbroker Wong Keung said that the ladies' wrist-watch was pawned on May 14 for \$150. He surrendered it to the Police on May 29 when they went to his shop with the second accused.

Pawnbroker Leung Yin said that the men's wrist-watch was pawned at his shop on May 14 for \$400. He produced the watch for the Police on May 30. The trial is proceeding.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Mr J. P. Robinson, old and well-known resident who was found in a condition of collapse at his home early yesterday morning, has not yet recovered consciousness, according to a report from the Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr Robinson was found unconscious near the staircase of No 4 Conduit Road. His condition is reported to be very critical.

No Clearance Papers

For leaving Tsun Wan without clearance papers, yesterday, Yu Sang-fai, 49, master of trading junk 207T, was fined \$20 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning. Defendant, who was on his way to Houng Hou with 100 piculs of bean residue and was intercepted off Lyceum Pass, said: "I do not know the regulations; there is no reason why I should not obtain clearance when it doesn't cost me anything."

NOT PROPERLY MANNED

Intercepted by Lt. Torr, of naval launch Y16, off Shek Ku Chau early this morning, Leung Kau, master of a motor junk, was fined \$200 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court for failing to carry a certificated master and a certificated engineer.

Another charge of carrying excess passengers against Leung, who was coming in from Macao in Cheung Chau, was withdrawn.

Will The Ending Be As Happy?



The Persian Premier, Dr. Mossadegh and Mr. Averell Harriman smile broadly as they greet each other upon the arrival of President Truman's envoy in Teheran to hold talks on the oil crisis. There are indications that Mr. Harriman has made definite progress and that he will be able to smile just as happily when he has completed his mission.

234,000 Japanese Die In Russian Camps Says White Paper

Tokyo, July 25.

The Japanese Government today wrote off 234,000 Japanese as having died in Russian prison camps and appealed for United Nations intervention to save an estimated 77,000 survivors, which it said are still in Communist hands and 29,000 others whose fate is unknown.

The Government's action, in answer to a new wave of demonstrations recently for the return of the missing men, was timed to focus attention anew on the controversial issue of what Russia has done with its POWs, as preparations were being made to finalise the Japanese peace treaty.

The White Paper, reviewing the missing POW problem in which the government made its appeal, asked the UN General Assembly to take up the question for the second time at its next general session in Paris in September, only a few days after the signing of the Japanese peace treaty scheduled for September 4-8 at San Francisco. It revealed that Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida had sent two letters to President Nasser, one on May 4 and June 10 this year. In the second, he had requested the UN to take commission on prisoners of war to come to Japan to "carry out the necessary survey and investigation here."

The release of the White Paper stirred up once again an issue which, more than any other, has caused strong Japanese resentment against Russia. Since the surrender of Japan, it has been the cause of fearful demonstrations all over Japan.

In Tokyo, old men, women and children besieged the Diet Building and the Soviet Embassy building, where sidown strikes were staged. It was also the cause of the most heated arguments between the Soviet delegate in the Allied Council for Japan and the American, British Commonwealth and Chinese representatives and caused the boycott of the Council for several months by the Soviets.

The approach of the Japanese peace treaty has been accompanied by a new series of demands for Soviet action on this question. The White Paper, quoting one Foreign Ministry spokesman, said, "It is regrettable to think that many of our nationals are still detained in a foreign land and unable to return home even when the signing of the peace treaty is now close at hand."

Among the numerous problems that have to be dealt with in settling the aftermath of the war, the repatriation problem is the most important from a humanitarian standpoint.

The White Paper, on the basis of interrogations of families who have relatives missing in Communist territory, and of reports from Siberia, listed 77,037 still living, 234,161 dead and 29,797 missing.

This was 30,000 less than the previous Japanese estimates of 370,000 in Soviet territory. But the White Paper pointed out that they were computed on an entirely different basis and "they significantly tally with each other." This fact goes a long way to prove that much was left unsaid by the Soviet authorities when the so-called "authorised" announcement was made through Tass on 22 April, 1950, to the effect that there remained in Soviet hands no Japanese prisoners except war criminals of some 2,500 at that time.

TORTURE ALLEGED
The Japanese White Paper also charged the Soviets with trying Japanese POWs on trumped-up petty charges and obtaining confessions from them by torture.

It said: 1. The "suspect is intimidated, frightened, beaten, given no chance to sleep and tortured otherwise in order to extort a signed confession."

2. Confessions are sometimes "forced or deformed."

3. The accused is given no chance to put up a defence nor an opportunity to appeal.

4. "Some of the Japanese POWs and civilian detainees upon being released from jail are not sent back to Japan as they should be but simply thrown out of the prison gate, to shift for themselves on the Siberian steppes and sometimes able-bodied men are given Soviet citizenship without their knowledge and put in labour camps."—United Press.

COMMUNISTS REPULSED

A strong force of Communist troops, who made an attack of a Nationalist guerrilla hideout on the Kwangsi and Indo-China border some time last week, were repulsed by the guerrillas, according to a Chinese Press report.

The skirmishes lasted for ten hours and heavy casualties are reported to have been suffered by both sides.

Another report states that Nationalist guerrillas in Lungchow intercepted a truck load of arms sent by the Communists to the Vietnamese troops stationed in a border village.

Soldiers Plead Guilty To Offences: Sent To Prison

Two soldiers of the RASC, Shamshui Camp, who changed their pleas to guilty were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment with hard labour by the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

L/Cpl Alfred Ashkettle, 21, who pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Chu Chi-wing, was sentenced to two years and six months; and Pte Hubert Prior, 26, received the same term when he pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Chan Kong-lin and a further six months for indecently assaulting Chan Kong-lin.

Originally the two accused were jointly indicted on the following counts: That both of them on June 17, 1951, robbed Chu Chi-wing of a wrist watch; that they unlawfully and maliciously caused grievous bodily harm to Chu Chi-wing on the same date; that they unlawfully and maliciously caused grievous bodily harm to Chan Kong-lin on the same date; that they indecently assaulted Chan Kong-lin on the same date; and that they robbed Chu Chi-wing of half a gallon of petrol on the same date.

When the accused were arraigned before his Lordship last Wednesday, they pleaded not guilty to all the charges. After the accused had changed their pleas this morning, the Prosecutor informed the Court that the Crown would not be offering any evidence against them on the other counts which they pleaded not guilty.

Mr D. E. Greenfield, acting Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. J. Andrews, prosecuted. The accused were defended by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Major A. N. Hicks, Deputy Assistant Director of Army Legal Services.

The trial which was to have opened yesterday was adjourned to this morning due to the indisposition of Major Hicks.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS
Mr D'Alton informed the Court this morning that since yesterday they had been able to take further instructions from the two accused who on arrangement had pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Both the first and the second accused desired at this stage to ask leave of the Court to withdraw their pleas of not guilty to the two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and substitute them for pleas of guilty, said Defence Counsel.

Prior asked leave of the Court to withdraw his plea of not guilty to the indecent assault count and substitute therefor a plea of guilty, Mr D'Alton said. In respect of all the other counts the plea of not guilty was maintained.

The Prosecutor said that in view of the plea, the Crown would not offer any evidence on the charges to which the accused had pleaded not guilty.

When asked to confirm the changes in pleas as stated by his Counsel, Ashkettle said he would plead guilty only to the second count, i.e. causing grievous bodily harm to Chu Chi-wing.

Prior told his Lordship he would plead guilty to the charges of causing grievous bodily harm to Chan Kong-lin and indecently assaulting Chan Kong-lin.

His Lordship remarked to Mr D'Alton that the accused's pleas were not the same as those of the two accused when they were first arraigned. He understood from his learned friend, however, that even if this was so, the position would remain the same as before.

Mr Greenfield informed his Lordship that the Crown would offer no evidence against the two accused in respect of the counts to which they had pleaded not guilty.

The Jury of five men and two women were directed to return formal verdicts in respect of the two counts.

PROSECUTION STORY
Mr Greenfield said that accused having spent the afternoon of June 17 together on leave in Victoria started, Counsel suggested being bored with life by stealing a motor car.

They drove the car around the island and appeared to have visited Shek-O where they discarded a spare wheel and the tool kit, which had since been recovered.

About 4.0 p.m. they proceeded along Mount Davis Road and at this place they found a motor car parked by the roadside. The whole incident must have arisen out of a momentary impulse.

It appeared that the accused drove past the stationary car and pulled up, the Prosecutor said. After a short discussion they returned and stopped at the side of the stationary vehicle. They then both got out and Ashkettle went round to the driver's side and Prior to the near side. Ashkettle was alleged to have asked the driver for his licence and the driver understanding that word showed it and Ashkettle inspected it. Ashkettle then walked to the front of the car and then returned, and demanded the ignition keys. Prior in the meantime leaned forward and withdrew the keys from his side.

The driver was then called out of the car by Ashkettle, said Mr Greenfield, and was led to the front of the car on the pretext of having something examined. When the Chinese was just abreast of the front wheel he was violently attacked from behind by Ashkettle who put his left arm underneath his victim's jaw wrenching it upwards and backwards. Counsel said Ashkettle was a large and strong man and the Chinese was small. After a short while the latter became unconscious.

GIRL'S JAW BROKEN
The girl feeling what was happening called out and tried to get out of the car. Prior

leaned through an open window and hit her in the face with his fist. It was a dastardly blow of considerable force and her jaw was broken, said the Prosecutor. It was not suspected at first by the doctors but a further examination revealed.

In the meantime Ashkettle dropped the Chinese man over the edge of the road. It was a steep hillside sloping down to the seashore below. The victim rolled down 40 feet and was stopped rolling down further by a protruding boulder. He recovered consciousness later.

Prior was at this time detaining the girl and when Ashkettle re-joined him the two accused had a discussion and as a result of that she was taken to the other car and driven away for about a quarter of a mile. There they stopped and here the accused's statements told rather different stories.

Ashkettle in his statement said he went round to the back of the car and pulled the girl out and put her on the roadside. Prior said that after certain incidents he went to the back of the car where the girl lay and attempted an indecent act. He did not succeed, said the Prosecutor, and this was confirmed by the girl, who added in her statement that the two took hold of her and with a couple of swings sent her over the edge of the road. She fell 10 feet down.

CARS ABANDONED
Both victims then climbed back on to the road and went for help. They made reports to the Police and at the hospital the girl complained to the doctor.

The accused appeared to have driven off in both cars which were later found abandoned in Connaught Road, Central.

The Prosecutor asked his Lordship to take a serious view of the case. On the facts before the Court he said it was a most dastardly and violent crime. Mr Greenfield said that in order to trace the accused by fingerprints over 700 soldiers had to be fingerprinted.

Mr D'Alton said that in respect of Prior, he had been brought to a sense of the offences he had committed and now threw himself upon the mercy of the Court. He added that Prior had never committed any previous offence involving any degree of violence, which made the measured with the circumstances of the physique of the victim. An assault of that sort on a European, for instance, would not have the effect that it did, said Counsel.

The whole incident must have arisen out of a momentary impulse.

As regards the question of indecent assault, Counsel submitted that the evidence before the Court was that it was at the worst a half-hearted attempt. The circumstances were clear, no actual assault of rape took place. Counsel said that the accused had no such intention in his mind.

Regarding Ashkettle, Counsel said that the assault was perpetrated on the spur of the moment without realisation of the actual force he was using. Mr D'Alton said that no arms appeared to have been used in either case.

The Prosecutor said that there was no record against Ashkettle, but there were three previous convictions against Prior: two in England and one in Hongkong.

Guerillas Seize Soviet Advisers

Seventeen Communist soldiers were killed and three were wounded, when a party of Nationalist guerrillas attacked a Soviet military unit in the East River, Kwangtung, on Monday evening, according to a Chinese Press report.

The report stated that the boat was en route from Wei-yung to Laoling with 20 Communist soldiers and officers, accompanied by two Soviet advisers for the inspection of mines in Eastern Kwangtung, when she was fired on by the guerrillas.

The vessel was seized and burned by the guerrillas. It is reported that the Soviet advisers and two Communist officers were taken prisoner. Six soldiers managed to escape.

Dewey Leaves For Saigon

Governor Thomas Dewey, who has been on a visit to Hongkong this week, left at 12.15 p.m. today by an American Air Force plane for Saigon.

He was accompanied by Mr Paul Lockwood. At the airport to bid him farewell were the United States Consul - General, Mr Walter McConaughy, and Mr Paul Frillman, Director of USIS.

MAN KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

A Chinese man, about 45, was knocked down by a vehicle in Nathan Road near Chung Sha Road at about 8.40 this morning. It was reported that the car did not stop and the man was left lying on the road with head injuries.

Tried To Smuggle Out Films

For attempting to export 12 boxes of films without a licence on the my Tai Loy at Tak Koo Wharf, Connaught Road Central, yesterday morning, Ho Wal, 32, unemployed, was fined \$50 or 10 days by Mr Hinshing Lo this morning at Central Revenue Inspector D. Knox said the films, worth about \$100, were discovered on Ho's person when he was searched by Revenue officers. The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

Condition Unchanged

The condition of Mrs J. Small, who was injured in motor car accident on Monday morning, remains unchanged, according to a report from Kowloon Hospital this morning.

The car drove by Mr John Small, collided with a military vehicle in Shing Mun Reservoir Road.

Living Language

Why we say A Feather in His Cap.

For every enemy slain, the North American Indian added a new feather to his headdress.

Thus a feather in the cap was considered a distinction among braves, and in course of time the phrase has come to mean any sort of distinction or matter for pride.

The habit seems to be instinctive, for a game-keeper who shoots a Jay will pluck a feather from its wing to stick in his hat, and a sportsman takes pride in decorating himself with a feather from the first woodcock to fall to his gun.

FAILED TO NOTIFY

A fine of \$25 each was imposed on Ting Kai-chun, owner of steel lighter 1751V, and Fung Kau-kee, former owner of the lighter, by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for failing to notify the Director of Marine of the change of ownership of the vessel.

According to Sub-Inspector Kong Sai-lun, the second defendant sold the lighter to the first defendant for \$10,000 last December and no report of the transaction to the Marine Department was made. On July 14 the lighter was located at a shipyard in Cheungshawan. On board the vessel were 75 tons of heavy diesel oil which formed another charge against Ting for a breach of his licence.

Ting, however, was discharged by Mr Low on the second count for having the oil on board, saying that in his opinion the charge was improperly laid and that the defendant should be charged under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The five teams are: ARSENAL; CRUISE; EVERTON; WALSH; READING.

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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. In Edinburgh, Scotland. 2. Pleiades. 3. Australia. 4. Rapunzel. 5. The rabbit. (The name is still sometimes applied to it in the fur trade. 6. The Arctic Circle, the Antarctic Circle, Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll bet she's coming to complain about the children again! But this time I'm ready—the house is all straightened up!"

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